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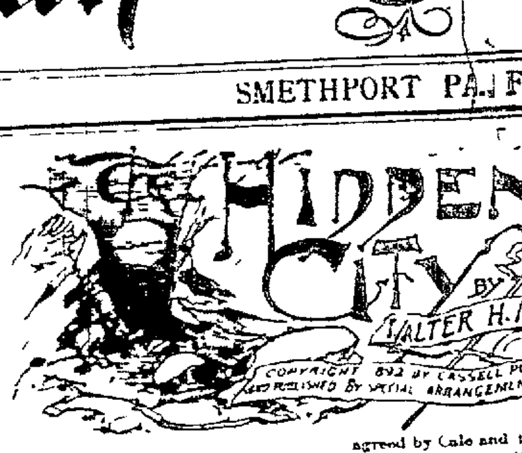

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CHAPTER XIII

A MATTER OF FINANCE.

Lola was watching them.

As Eric found himself a few minutes later standing among a group of cheering white men with his hand in that of Pierce and hearing his own tongue spoken by all about him it seemed to him as though he had awakened from a dream. Pierce was unchanged. These were the same profane adventurous and armed westerners with whom he was familiar, their horses standing about in lazy disorder grazing, the place the air of a camp or mining [illegible]. It all seemed so natural and civilized especially the profanity that he had to turn and look into his doorway upon Lola standing there before he realized it all. Pierce was introducing Cale Whitley and the sheriff warmly grasping theirs and their [illegible]. He did not know how the time had been his arrival or he would have [illegible] a rescue.

The exit from the Cave and the sheriff had been [illegible] over the city and its riches. To [illegible] it presented merely the appearance of a pueblo with the [illegible] of which they were so familiar. [illegible] They were [illegible] with its com[illegible] in parts almost ruinous appearance and felt then rather disappointed as they observed no golden domes and [illegible] palaces rising in the midst of green gardens. But they had found the object of their search and earned the reward which was a comforting reflection to them after all. They gazed [illegible] upon the bearded man in the strange [illegible] American costume as he stood before them with the confused look in his eyes of the sleeper awaking.

Lola was watching them with a woman's curiosity. Already she had noted all their faces and compared them with her ideal [illegible] and much to [illegible]. She had been [illegible] that there were no men like him, and now was assured. When Eric and [illegible] greeted them graciously and with the manner of a princess. She spoke to them with a few [illegible] in their own tongue with a curious [illegible] of modesty and pride and [illegible] upon their ears with a [illegible] unlike anything they had ever heard. Wearing a white lamo [illegible] flowing freely about her perfect figure and encircled at the waist by a wide gold belt she stood scanning each face and form a picture of queenly beauty and grace.

[illegible] in respect and almost reverence so surprisingly lovely she looked in her archaic costume. Her [illegible] fair hair blue eyes and perfect mouth in sincere unqualified admiration marveling that this could really be a savage. Five minutes later he was willing to swear she was a New Yorker whom fate had buried here in the wilderness for Gilbert to unearth and then some little action or accent filled him with a new feeling and he was won [illegible] again.

The others simply realized that she was a wondrously beautiful woman—Eric's wife as they supposed—and gave no thought to the wonder of her appearance in that desert realm. Besides their thoughts were on revenue bent they longed to see the treasures of Atzlan and divide them. They felt as Pizarro's followers must have felt as they saw the Inca's treasures almost in their grasp—millions upon millions—for in spite of Eric's Pierce's caution some inkling of Eric's message had circulated among the men, and they dreamed of millions for all hands. Their impatience was so manifest in their looks and remarks that Pierce after a short talk with Gilbert, called them together and addressed them

"Now boys, our search is ended. What there is in this place for us no one knows yet, but it will rest with Mr Gilbert as to what we shall have. He has enough to pay you all well for your trouble, but there will be no looting this village what you can obtain by fair trade is one thing and wholesale robbery another. If any man is detected using violence he will forfeit his pay These people are nervous and frightened any overt act might precipitate a conflict for which the United States government will hold us responsible. Therefore I warn you all to be careful. Disobedience to orders now means summary punishment. No man enters the city until permission is given. We will go into camp here and await further orders from Mr Gilbert."

The men withdrew leaving Pierce, Whitley and the sheriff with Eric. Breakfast was prepared for them, and they were soon discussing the situation over the table at the head of which sat Lola, Kulcan having departed, in a sudden accession of courage to the city to calm the people there. Eric explained the state of affairs briefly, giving them an insight into the politics and religion of the Atzlans, the recent effort of Chalpa to obtain a hold upon the offices, and an account of his attempt upon Eric and of Chalpa's death, leading up to the action of the previous night, when the firing had attracted the attention of the rescuers camped in the canyon.

Knowing nothing of Cale or the sheriff he refrained from any description of the treasure he had found, but he stated that he had accumulated considerable gold and silver, which he thought perhaps had better be equally divided among the men. This arrangement he felt would reward them liberally, in addition to their stipulated pay. It was agreed by Cale and the sheriff that this would be most satisfactory and the matter was then dropped.

Pierce now regaled Eric—and Lola as well—with a resume of political and other events which had occurred in the world from which Gilbert had been shut out and the noon hour was upon them before he had finished. Meanwhile the other two men had grown tired and withdrew to the camp. Then it was that Eric took Pierce more fully into his confidence and made his eyes fairly bulge with an account of the vast treasure within the city but he had scruples hard to overcome, which made it difficult to see his title to the hoard and these were shared by Pierce.

After their noon meal they resolved to go to the city and confer with Iklapel both upon this matter and the general effect of the new arrivals upon the city's welfare. In passing along to the temple Gilbert noted carefully the faces of the people and was glad to observe a cheerful temper apparent. While there was mourning he knew in several houses he could see no evidence of an ill feeling and he hoped that the crisis was over and the deaths of the most violent and powerful leaders had ended all trouble.

They found old Iklapel at the temple and many priests around him. He had just finished a wise and forcible sermon in which he had outlined the many benefits which would accrue to the nation from following Eric's plans, accusing Chalpa's memory bitterly and with great force as the cause of all discord. He had deprecated the craving for power and place which had caused all the trouble and had drawn his hearers by his powerful logic and noble oratory to a recognition of the truth—that civilization would if adopted at once without reserve place them upon an equality with the rest of the world and prevent the miserable decadence which would surely ensue if they continued in their old customs and beliefs.

Then following upon the old priest's words Eric stood before them and told them simply and carefully of the history of other nations. For two hours he addressed them and the gathering of priests grew to a great multitude ere he had ended—telling them of Greece and Rome of England and America of Peru and Mexico and of the race of Indians dying off the face of the earth because civilization is too powerful for them to resist and they are too weak to accept its customs When he had finished behold Kulcan arose, and raising his hands cried

"My brethren and friends our Quetzal speaks wise words. I fear he will leave us if we are stubborn and headstrong and we want him with us Do we not?" He was answered with shouts of hearty volume and feeling. "Now that Chalpa is gone from us there will be no more trouble, and I feel that if Quetzal were our governor we would be prosperous and content. I desire not the office, it ill befits me for I am too easily influenced this way and that You want a wise man a great father like our Quetzal who knows the men of all the earth and their tongues and their wily ways, and that he may protect us from them and guard us from the enemy who comes in forms we know not. Let us have a great meeting in the estufa to night and hold another election Go now and tell all the people and think well upon Iklapel's words and Quetzal's and mine the least of you all."

They dispersed and Eric led Iklapel into the temple and seated himself beside him Pierce standing outside looking down with curious eyes upon the city

Eric opened at once upon the subject of the treasure telling him frankly how much it was valued by the rest of the world and to what mad extremes men would go for a tenth or a twentieth of it. He told him its worth but succeeded only in dimly impressing it upon the priest but Iklapel realized keenly the evils that would follow a repetition of the scenes of Cortez or Pizarro's plunderings as depicted by Eric He heard the latter through without saying much until Eric finally said

"Now my father Iklapel you are the oldest here. You have said the treasure is mine but it is yours and your people's to hold or to give away Tell me now what say you as to its disposition?"

"You have told me many things" he began. "You have made my heart sore and my ears burn with wondrous tales of your great people and their cities I yearn to see them I long to witness these wonders but I am old and I grow feeble But my people are young, they are your brothers now Why should they not see and have these marvels? You tell me that we have the wealth of many nations and that wealth does all things. Why cannot you bring these wonders here? Need you leave us if you can command these things? Need you go away if you can bring them here to us? Thus we can at one bound overleap the gulf which separates us from the New World and be equal in wealth and knowledge and power to any city of the earth.

"We are not dull, we learn readily and you will be proud of your people before another decade passes. Here in this city you can plan new enterprises, put in practice your theories of government, and make of this ancient Atzlan, so full of all the memories of past ages a new and mighty city—a monument to your wisdom forever I leave it in your hands oh, my Quetzal, 'tis yours to take or leave—this treasure I give it to you as I have the power, but ponder well my words, for they are full of wisdom given me this day by God himself"

"But," answered Eric, "it is no ordinary undertaking that you propose One man could not hope to rule this people alone"

"You will have all the power of this wealth behind you," interrupted Iklapel. "You can make the law"

"But not enforce it, my old friend. There's the rub. Money may rule where it is feared or worshiped, but here, where men do not need much, they do not fear the power of wealth. The mere possession of money will not be enough for one who wishes to rule a people. Once upon a time, centuries ago, a Roman who was very rich bought from the pretorian guards the great office of emperor, but he could hold it only sixty-six days. Then another and abler Roman, Severus, defeated and beheaded him. That was long ago, but the lesson remains."

"Truly," answered Iklapel, "yet I think you have the ability to manage our people. They love you and perhaps fear you also."

Eric had already made up his mind.

"Well, I will try it; it will be an experiment. It may fail, and it may prove an immense success, but it is full of trouble and probably danger"

"It may be so" said the old priest "but it is a laudable undertaking You have behind you the knowledge of all the failures and successes in other lands to guide you."

"I have it," cried Eric "No, I shall not leave you Iklapel. We will build up Atzlan and make it a great city—the wonder of the world"

He went out to Pierce, and taking him by the hand said 'Old man I've made up my mind We will stay here, Lola and I Yes don't look so amazed. I mean it. I am going to run this town myself after this and give it a boom"

Pierce looked blank for a moment.

"But, confound it, after we've taken all this trouble to save your skin you want to remain here and go through it all over again?"

"No there will be no trouble Besides I want you to stay here for awhile (a year or so old fellow, eh?) and get into our ways. You'll like the place Wonderful trout fishing splendid snipe shooting, fine climate. Oh, you'll enjoy it, I know."

Then, growing earnest, he outlined his plan to Pierce It was, in brief to divide about fifty thousand dollars among the men who had been hired for the expedition, and retaining Whitley and Sheriff Woodruff dismiss them all He would then call together the chief men of the city and form a board of directors under his own presidency laying before them a scheme of management which he was sure would inure to the benefit of all.

The city would simply be a great stock company, capitalized from its own priestly savings, and its earnings would be divided among the people There were rich mines to be worked, and which alone would make the people wealthy in fact the more he thought of it the more feasible it seemed, and he grew enthusiastic at the prospect

Although Pierce was not so sanguine, he still felt that with unknown millions in bank almost any scheme could be carried out, and he felt like trying the experiment. He looked dubious however

"Understand me," added Eric "I mean business. It is not all pure philanthropy by any means. I know we will have to buck against ignorance superstition and fear also there will be a rush of outsiders, speculators land grabbers and others here that must be checked. The government will perhaps interfere the state certainly will We will need all our wits and more to manage things, and even the success of the plan may be our undoing, for when they are all educated twenty years hence other interests will perhaps be more powerful"

"And therefore it would be wise," interposed Pierce "for us to place away in some good solid securities a few millions for the use of original charter members as it were, in case the board of directors is voted out of office some time in the future"

"Just so," Eric answered "and Iklapel himself would say the same At least it is no more than other discoverers and conquerers have always done"

"Only they took all there was in sight" said Pierce, "and we propose to take only a small percentage. Are Whitley and Woodruff in this at all?"

"Perhaps it is better that they remain outside—for the present anyway," Eric answered, laughing.

That night the inhabitants of Atzlan in a great meeting elected Gilbert their governor The voting was by acclamation and the whole proceeding did not take fifteen minutes. He was summoned and made a speech to them, unfolding his ideas in the simplest manner so that they comprehended his scheme readily They were quick to see the advantages of the plan although they had no monopolistic corporations as examples to teach them the power of combination But he laid great stress upon the difficult nature of the task and again and again laid before them the necessity of constant toil, ceaseless vigilance and tireless patience

"Most of all, above all work work, work" he cried "It is the soul the life of the world the aim and end of living—aye, 'tis life itself"

The next day the wagon train came into the city and the Atzlans crowded about the canvas covered wagons, filled with mingled curiosity and fear The horses terrified them by their every action the wagons amazed them their eyes were tired before the day passed with staring at the marvels that were displayed on every hand Many of them made most advantageous bargains, exchanging gold and silver ornaments, mere baubels, for the rare things the strangers brought. Their greatest demand was for the axes, hatchets and hunting and pocketknives. But some queer trades were made One aged chief had obtained a pair of eyeglasses and was beside himself with delight at the restoration of his vision, while another reveled in the possession of a compass and spent his time showing the unerring needle to his astonished friends.

Eric had cautioned them not to be too liberal in their dealings with the white men, and also tried to prevent their being swindled and endeavored to prevent too palpable swindling on his men's part, but it was nearly impossible The temptation was too great on both sides to be restrained, and it was curious to see the complacent sense of satisfaction and the realization of clever business tact beaming in the faces of those of the Atzlans who had made good bargains from an Atzlan point of view They knew they had outwitted the newcomers and gotten something for nothing, and they were mightily pleased with themselves.

In the evening Kulcan came to Eric and said

"Brother, tomorrow I shall hand over to you the office and its powers."

"But," interrupted Eric, "before you do so you must perform a ceremony—one upon which I have set my heart. You must wed us, Lola and me, as the last act of your tenure of office"

"It shall be so!" cried Kulcan with delight. "I am glad it falls to me! Indeed it repays me for the loss of the great dignity of being governor, which loss, believe me, does not sadden me at all In truth, I confess to a feeling of relief at the thought that ill becomes my father's son, but still I feel it."

On the morrow, when all the people had assembled to witness the abdication of the governor and the ceremony of installing his successor, Kulcan, departing from ancient usage, proud of being the first to break the bond of traditional custom, stood before them speaking eloquently for awhile, and then there stepped forth the bride and bridegroom in their dignity and beauty

Before the citizens had recovered from their wonder they heard Kulcan pronouncing the simple marriage ceremony, and as one man they joined in the sonorous, joyful nuptial song of Atzlan. So harmonious is the melody, so touching is the simplicity of the words that Eric himself was affected, and tears blurred his eyes as he noted the real joy and sincere affection the people displayed. Until now he had scarcely known how much room they occupied in his heart, and he determined to give the whole energy of his life to them and their needs.

After this came his installment in the governor's robes, the presentation of the ancient seal and staff of office, and a prayer by Iklapel to the great God of all—the Master of all known gods, the Ruler of earth and sky—which was listened to in silence and awe. Then there ensued a festival of festivals. The day was given to joy and merrymaking and the Katun cakes, the currant wine and the baked meats were brought forth Far into the night they held revelry, and Pierce, as he noted the jovial songs and hilarious but familiar whoops of mirth was led to remark

"Gilbert I was about to say this morning that, in the contact of these people with the whites, the usual remedy of savage races—rum—would be their worst foe I now realize that they have already met the enemy and he is theirs."

"Yes" replied Gilbert, "it will be different here In the case of the Indian he was introduced to a strange and unknown beverage that drowned his sorrows and made him forget his woes; but here, for ages, they have distilled liquors and drank them, and they can make good liquor too They have never known an excise law nor an internal revenue bureau, and, like all human blessings because it is free to all, none care much for it In all my stay here I have not seen drunken men except upon the day of the attack on my house, and they drank then only to fire themselves to desperation. What the introduction of better liquors may do is get a higher taste, I don't fear that they will be harmed by rum"

"If your plans do not miscarry they will soon be drinking champagne like other bloated capitalists," added Pierce as he lighted his pipe "And as we have some in our commissary wagon, suppose we drink a health to the new departure"

Now began stirring times. Besides the usual spring sowing the people were busy all the time discussing the new features of their social and political life to come It was amazing how earnestly they entered into all the plans of Eric and Iklapel, and with what implicit confidence they predicted the great future of the city Nothing now was too new or too vast to deter them. They were eager to enter upon the new era.

Eric had selected his board of directors with great care, and day after day they detained the wagon train until their plans were perfect. More than a month elapsed before Eric could say "We are ready to proceed," but finally the day came

Everything was completed. Three of the wagons were secretly loaded with gold by night and stood ready to depart. Pierce was to convert the metal into currency and act as financial agent in the great operations to follow Supplies of all sorts in immense quantities were to be bought—an electric light plant, mining and milling machinery, horses, fine cattle and other stock, farming implements, looms, clocks—everything in fact, that civilization could furnish from its plenteous store was to be procured and brought to them

The task was great, but Pierce felt his blood glow as he thought of it. As the greatest buyer upon earth the representative of unheard of wealth, he would fairly rival Monte Cristo, if he did not eclipse him, and in the building of a railroad across the desert, one of the first enterprises to be launched he saw a most interesting and exciting project, which alone was worthy of any man. What more noble ambition could he ever have desired than this eminently proud one? And now they were ready Each step in the great undertaking carefully considered and planned, nothing remained but to act.

Lola stood on the threshold as the line of wagons filed past, with drivers and escorts waving their hats in farewell salutes Eric and Pierce in the rear, exchanging last words of caution and advice When they reached the house Eric dismounted and grasped Pierce's hand with moist eyes

"Now goodby, Harold, God bless you! Be careful and remember you hold us all in your hand"

"Don't worry, my dear boy You'll hear from me very soon, and let me tell you" he added, with an effort at facetiousness "there will be a lot of newspaper men here inside of ten days mark my words, and they will give you something to bother about. And besides they'll establish a mail service for you, depend upon it. Goodby, goodby"

He mounted and galloped away Eric led his wife to the housetop They could see the train wind along the river until it disappeared behind the canyon's outreaching spurs, and then she turned to him, with a great, hopeful look in her eyes, and kissed his lips. Together they stood there, the morning breaking richly and warmly over the red cliffs, when Iklapel emerged from below and stood beside them His eyes were full of a great fire as he gazed down the canyon where the dust still rose above the trail of the wagons. Then he turned toward the city and stood silent, regarding it for a long time, then raising his arms like a prophet of old he cried out:

"Rise up, O City of the Sun! Behold, the day has come, the serpent is dead! Behind you, O city of my fathers, lie the untold eons of superstition, of blood and darkness, reaching back, back to man's first feeble steps! Men came and men went away, but thou hast remained O hoary city of the past, look up and see the light! Before you the future stands, its unknown space illumined by an unspeakable glory. In its beauty it is coming to be thy bride. I hear its voice, I hear its approaching footsteps. Oh, that my eyes may see its glory and my lips taste its sweetness! I have said it—it is good"

He turned to his only hearers, and his voice grew low and sweet as he looked at Eric and said

"And so it has begun, O my brother, and to you we owe it. Yes, I see it before me plainly, the story of this great city, for it will be greater than ever before Its story will go out before men, and they will wonder at it ages hence, and it will be told to the children and sung by the poets, and the world will marvel at it, for 'tis the work of a god!"

"Nay," said Lola as she threw her arms about her husband's neck, "'tis the work of man, and it is begun by a man, and, lo, he is mine, my Quetzel!"

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Editor Field's Tribute to Phocion Howard.

We very deeply regret the death of our old friend Phocion Howard For a good many years we have thought much more of the old gentleman than we cared to tell If from time to time we have railed and joked at his expense, it was because we knew his worth and thought much of him personally—for, be it understood, we never frivol with those whom we do not like Phocion understood it all Whenever he came to Chicago he climbed the stairs to see us and we were always glad to see his ruddy face and to hear his big, cheery voice Phocion did not do much fooling himself, and perhaps that is why he did not dislike our badinage

Phocion Howard was one of the old school—one of the few pioneers left here for a long time in the west. He was utterly improvident, utterly irresponsible, utterly impossible Once he was more or less intemperate, but he stopped that folly some time ago Up to the last he was generous and self sacrificing to the degree of fault. His sympathies were easily enlisted and his enthusiasm and loyalty never faltered. Oftentimes betrayed and imposed upon and wronged, he never lost confidence in his fellow men His head may have failed him in emergencies, but Phocion's heart was always ready with generous, gracious, noble impulses.

So we think of the old man very tenderly as we speak of him today, and the hard part of it all is that we have to hold our pen in check, lest it commit us to an utterance of those deeper feelings in our heart which perhaps would seem mere sentimentality to you who may not have known this kindly old soul

This world of ours is very beautiful, and life here is sweet, for in this beautiful world humanity with its tender sympathies and tender offices, glorifies it all. Our old friend Phocion loved this world of ours, and he loved his fellow men and it is this love perchance, that qualifies humanity for what is to come in the hereafter —Eugene Field in Chicago News-Record.

Information For Readers.

An announcement printed at the top of the editorial page of a magazine published near Boston is as follows

This magazine is published 12 times a year that is the reason we call it a monthly Every postmaster on the face of the earth, or any other man, is invited to solicit subscribers and secure one of our unequaled premiums or take a cold cash commission if preferred

It costs 100 cents to have this periodical pay you 12 visits.

When you invite these visits, be sure and send the "mighty dollar" in any shape preferable and also write your name so it shall appear plainer to us than a white cat on a coal heap also your postoffice, county and state If you live in a state of matrimony, it is not necessary for you to mention it.

If you send us any manuscript don't try to write on both sides of the paper at once—to do so will make you baldheaded. We know this from experience Also sign your best name or into the wastebasket it goes. We don't require this so we can copy the name on a check, but merely as evidence that you are the fellow you think you are, in case we are sued for libel.

All articles intended for publication should be mailed to the editor All business letters, donations, gifts and legacies should be addressed to the same person.

Blue Glass Spectacles For Cows.

A remarkable story comes all the way from Moravia to the effect that all the cows in that part of the country are "humped in the rail fence corners, chewing their cuds with great blue spectacles fastened before their eyes." It seems that the ground in that country has been covered with snow since the latter part of October Nearly every day has been clear and cold, the reflection of the sun light from the snow being very disastrous to the eyes of both man and beast. Thousands of cattle went entirely blind before the attention of the government's director of agriculture was called to the fact. That gentleman, Dr Verincourt, recommended blue spectacle glasses set in wooden or wire frames, and the result is that thousands of cows are now roaming about over the Moravian pastures looking as dignified as Boston "schoolmarms." It is further said that the entire blue glass supply of Vienna has been exhausted and that the government has applied to Paris and London glass dealers for additional supplies.—St. Louis Republic

Signaling by Flashing Lights.

The unfavorable impression caused in navy circles abroad by the failure of flashing incandescent lights to meet all the requirements of a clear and rapid system of signaling has been greatly modified by the introduction of a new device It was formerly found that flashes could not be made with the necessary rapidity owing to the fact that light lingers in the carbon In the new flash lamps, a number of which are being supplied to several English battleships, a spring cover hides and reveals the light being worked by a flexible spring by hand, and enabling signals of practically any degree of rapidity and of the utmost distinctness to be sent.

The lamps are of about 100-candle power and are worked at the masthead by electric wires from the deck. From experiments made with the new device it appears that the direct flashing of high power incandescent lamps for signaling purposes is likely to be eventually superseded by some dark cover arrangement.—Exchange.

Cremation.

Miss Mary B. Comyers of Boston has written a pamphlet in favor of cremation, which the Massachusetts Cremation society has published. She states that cremation does not mean the burning of the body by fire. The coffin is put into a small chamber heated to a temperature of 2,000 degrees. No flame devours the body—nothing but the heated air—and until the moment of its falling together in white ashes the body lies untouched and the process is one quick and pure not the slow decay of the grave.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever, corns and skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded Price 25 cents per box For sale by Frank R. Foster, Druggist.

The Little Ones.

Should be carefully considered, especially when they contract Coughs and colds. Croup is the demon of childhood as many a fond mother knows. Do not allow a cough to run on. Whether old or young it may the forerunner of an untimely death. We can confidently recommend all readers to use Pan-Tina the celebrated remedy for coughs, colds and consumption, costs 25 and 50 cents. Trial bottles free at Frank R. Foster's Drug Store.

To your Interest.

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the MINER and [illegible] Weekly Press one year.

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Philip G. Watkins of a London tea firm is making a business tour of the world and at present is in this city. His firm is one of the oldest and richest tea firms in the world's metropolis, the head of it for many years having been the millionaire Baronet Sir Richard Peek. Mr. Watkins is an old and trusted member of the house and has been selected for many years to conduct negotiations with the principal Chinese and Indian tea growers who control the markets of Canton and Calcutta.

"It is our rule," explained Mr. Watkins, "to visit the best plantations and arrange for the purchase of the new season's crop while it is yet growing. It takes considerable experience to be able to judge of the probable quality of a crop during its early stages, as the tea plant is subject to so many vicissitudes before picking. If the crop does not come up to expectations, we are often losers, but the usual practice is to bargain for the first offer, for which privilege of course we pay a premium. The China tea, however, does not rule the market as it did before India and Ceylon discovered the fact that they could grow several kinds as well as their Celestial neighbors.

"All the best sorts, however, are still grown in China. Gunpowder, Hyson and all the high class green teas can be produced nowhere else. The very highest quality of the first named seldom leaves the land of its growth, the Chinese connoisseurs forming a ring which keeps it for the home market."—San Francisco Chronicle

The Black Jack Inn.

A few days ago the ancient "hostelrie" familiar to readers of Dickens as the "Black Jack," in Portsmouth street, Clare Market, closed its doors forever, as the entire block of buildings surrounding it is about to be demolished. The "Black Jack" is the house to which Sam Weller escorted his master when that gentleman was in search of Lowten, Mr Perker's clerk, on which occasion Mr. Pickwick heard the story of the "Queer Client," related by the mysterious lawyer's clerk.

The "Black Jack" has for many years been a veritable mecca to the medical students who have successfully braved the terrors of the examination room, for it was customary for them to adjourn to its hospitable bar and duly inscribe the names of the fortunate medicos in a register kept in the house for that special purpose. Among the signatures to be seen are those of James Paget and Andrew Clarke, together with many others who have since attained celebrity

The death of the "Black Jack" adds one more to the ghostly taverns which have abounded in the immediate vicinity The "Spotted Dog," the "White Lion" of Jack Sheppard notoriety, the "Bull's Head," where Hogarth met his brother artists, and the "Spiller's Head," the savage club of those days, all stood within a few yards.—London News.

Dunning by Postal Card.

There is a very general impression among merchants and others who are particularly interested in the subject that it is a criminal offense under United States laws to mail a dunning letter written on a postal card. A person in this neighborhood wrote to the first assistant postmaster general, asking for information, and received a reply giving the decision of Judge Thayer, Dec. 14, 1889, on the wording of a postal card that was mailable and one that was not. The mailable one read "Please call and settle account, which is long past due, and for which our collector has called several times, and oblige." The unmailable one reads, "You owe me $1.50. We have called several times for same. If not paid at once, we shall place with our law agency for collection."

The last sentence, it is stated, ruled out this communication. Postal cards are not mailable if they contain language of "a threatening character," and it is a very serious threat to the average man to tell him that you are going to sue him. There is no law, however, to prevent you from putting an X on your card to let your debtor understand that you are really cross with him.—Ithaca Journal.

What the Presidents Died Of.

Rutherford B. Hayes was the only occupant of the White House to die of heart disease. Washington expired of pneumonia, John Adams of natural decline Thomas Jefferson of chronic diarrhea, James Madison and James Monroe of natural decline, John Quincy Adams of paralysis, Andrew Jackson of consumption, Martin Van Buren of asthmatic catarrh, William H. Harrison of pleurisy, John Tyler of a bilious attack, James K. Polk of chronic diarrhea, Zachary Taylor of bilious fever, Millard Fillmore of natural decline, Franklin Pierce of inflammation of the stomach, James Buchanan of rheumatic gout Abraham Lincoln assassinated Andrew Johnson paralysis, Ulysses S. Grant cancer James A. Garfield assassinated, Chester A. Arthur Bright's disease. Mr Hayes was one of the three Methodists to become president, Johnson and Grant being the other two —Columbus Journal.

The Inevitable.

We all cry out against the monstrous hoopskirt which is coming in vogue, but there is no human power capable of fending off that fashion, which even the women folk profess to regard with dislike When Dame Fashion utters her dictum, the men are nowhere in it, and the ladies, God bless 'em! have simply to obey —Exchange

A contract for the cutting and hauling of 200,000,000 feet of fir timber was entered into in Tacoma recently by a mill company and a railroad company. It is the largest logging contract ever made in the state and will take five years to execute

A bankrupt merchant at Acadia Mines, N. S., has been sentenced to two months in jail for having willfully contracted a debt without having at the time a reasonable expectation of being able to pay it.

Two Valuable Friends.

1. A physician cannot be always had, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains, Bruises, and Burns occur often and some times when least expected. Keep handy the friend of many households and the destroyer of all pain, the famous Red Flag Oil 25 cents.

2. Many a precious life could be saved that is being racked to death with that terrible cough. Secure a good nights rest by investing 25 cents for a bottle of Pan-Tina the great remedy for coughs colds and consumption. Trial bottles of Pan-Tina free at Frank R. Foster's.

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Editors and Proprietors

Smethport, Pa. March 3, 1893

THE Brooklyn *Eagle* makes the statement that "Judge Gresham made his support of Cleveland last fall conditional on the proof that Cleveland defied and rejected the Tammany men."

TAKING the Kansas Supreme Court decision and other things into consideration, was there ever such a flattening out of a great wind bag as in the case of the Populists? If you listen you can hear Mrs. Lease laugh.

THE editor of the MINER was called to Philadelphia and New York on a business mission last Monday. During his absence, he has been made the victim of grave and unfounded charges which have been published in the columns of the Bradford *Record*. He will return to Smethport on Monday next.

GOV. MCKINLEY's liabilities because of indorsing his friend Walker's paper exceeds $100,000. It leaves him penniless, but as the Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle* says, he is unexpectedly poor in pocket but he was never richer in the respect of his countrymen than he is to-day. Never before was the demand more emphatic that he should remain in public life.

J. Sterling Morton, who will be the next secretary of agriculture, said on being asked whether his appointment was unexpected: "Indeed it was. I received a telegram on Wednesday from Mr. Cleveland asking me if I could come to Lakewood at once and see him. I reached there Friday afternoon and he offered me the portfolio before I had been five minutes in his house."

GOV. PATTISON appointed Hon. Christopher Heydrick of Franklin on Thursday evening of last week Judge of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by Chief Justice Paxson's resignation to accept the position of receiver of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. The appointee will serve under his commission until the first Monday in January 1894.

SENATOR HILL expects war with the president and is making alliances in the senate. He says openly that if Mr. Cleveland should make appointments to federal offices in N. Y. state personally and politically obnoxious to him he would fall back upon the courtesies of the senate and insist upon their rejection. The Buffalo *Commercial* says it is to be hoped for the Elmira statesman's sake that he will take the precaution to have the courtesies of the senate well padded.

THE Brookville *Democrat* says: "Our Representative W. O. Smith has introduced in the legislature a bill to divide the duties now performed by the prothonotary of Jefferson county between two officers. This bill ought to pass without any question and no man should be found opposing it. The bill provides for a new officer who shall be recorder of deeds, register of wills, and clerk of the orphans' court. The bill applies to all counties with a population of forty thousand. That bill ought to become a law."

THE Albany *Evening Journal* says it looks very much as if Mr. Cleveland, as soon as he is inaugurated president, would hand in a fine line of nominations of prominent anti-snappers for various federal positions in the State of New York. It is reported not only that anti-snappers will be recognized, but that a large number of democrats in the city of New York who voted for Jacob Sloat Fassett for governor in 1891 will also be given prominence. The republican party is beginning to wonder if it did not win a victory in 1892, after all.

AT last, and sooner than was expected, the hall of the national house of representatives is too small to accommodate its membership. In 1857-58, when congress took possession of the new capitol the senate chamber and house were believed to be of dimension large enough to accommodate the natural increase of members from new States for a hundred years thereafter. In less than forty years it is now found that both senate chamber and house are too small to accommodate their members and provide room for new additions thereto.

THE framers of the McKinley tariff, says the New York *Press*, gave the tin plate industry seven years in which to establish itself in this country. They decreed that after October 1, 1897, tin plates should be admitted free unless in some year prior to that date the domestic production equaled one-third of the total importation in some one year during the interval. The increased duty on tin plates has been in force less than two years yet the tin plate manufacturing industry is a demonstrated success. Domestic production in the last quarter of 1892 reached 10,000,000 pounds, about double the production of the preceding quarter. Since this ratio of increase has been maintained almost from the beginning it is a fair assumption that it will continue unless stopped by fears of hostile Democratic legislation. At such a rate of progress the dullest intellect ought to find no trouble in figuring out that our tin plate mills will far exceed the requirements of the law long before the allotted time expires. Under these circumstances the abolition of the tin plate duty will amount to striking down the developing industry which it has developed. There will be no reason for such action except hatred of American industry.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

From our own correspondent.

HARRISBURG, February 27th, 1893.—The much talked of Combine of the Reading Railroad is in trouble and this trouble is only "history repeating itself" so far as this particular road is concerned.

It will be remembered when Frank Gowan first took hold of the property of the Reading Railroad, it was one of the best railroad properties in the State. It was practically free from debt and its stockholders were the recipients of occasional dividends from the earnings of the road but Frank Gowan proved to be a "plunger" and conceived the idea of creating a gigantic monopoly in iron and coal and with that idea prevalent in his mind, he proceeded to buy all the iron and coal lands he could get hold of, in many instances paying exhorbitant prices for his purchases, which, in many cases, proved absolutely of no value and thus he created a debt that finally pulled the company down to bankruptcy and wrecked this valuable property. The history of the struggles of this road for existence is well known and it was not until after the election of Mr. McLeod to the Presidency of the road that the credit of Reading was established and for several years affairs were thought to be in good financial condition but again a spirit of unrest became prominent and the new President following in the steps of his predecessors, conceived a monopoly even more gigantic than Frank Gowan thought of and this thought was occasioned by the same motives that actuated Mr. Gowan viz: revenge upon a rival road. The conceived plans of Mr. McLeod were carried into effect but the little balloon was inflated to highly even to the point of bursting and it did burst and the Reading Combine has collapsed and the road is again in the hands of Receivers.

There is little sympathy felt for the Reading in its present trouble and no one can be found to express any regrets at the downfall of this gigantic monopoly which was formed for no other purpose than to make one of the most widely used commodities coal in the State sell at a price that worked great hardships upon the poorer classes of the community. The poor miner who delved and dug to bring the coal to the surface was no better off than before the Combine was formed but the prices to the consumer were almost 50 per cent. higher than before and this advance benefited no one but the greedy ones who were parties to the Combine. As a railroad wrecker Mr. McLeod has been a decided success.

Chief Justice Paxton of the State Supreme Court resigned his Chief Justiceship to accept the place of Receiver of the Reading Railroad and Judge Hydrick who was defeated at the last general election by Justice Dean for a seat on the State Supreme bench was appointed to the vacancy created by the resignation of Justice Paxson.

The spring elections in this State produce some very queer results this year. Many of our Republican strongholds turned complete political somersaults and elected Democratic Executives while Democratic fortresses indulged in political acrobatics and elected Republican Executives. In the former list were such cities as Pittsburg, Harrisburg and several others while the Republicans carried such Democratic forts as Reading, Allentown, York, the home of Chauncey Black on the Codorus and other places equally as hide-bound in their Democracy. York elected for the first time in its history a Republican Mayor.

As a result of a second trial of the Baker Ballot Law there comes from all parts of the State favorable comments on the acceptability of the new system of voting. But little trouble was experienced with the new ballot this year yet it is urged and with some good cause, that there is too much useless machinery about the system. This defect will no doubt be remedied by the present legislature but the universal verdict is that the Baker Ballot Law has come to stay.

President Cleveland has at length completed his Cabinet and Pennsylvania is not called upon to supply any of the timber out of which it has been constructed and all we have in explanation is newspaper rumor to the effect that Mr. Harrity could have had anything he wanted but that he preferred to hold on to his big salaried office of Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, get rich &c. and refused to give this up for the lower salaried office in the Official Family of President Cleveland. This was rumor but putting recent political happenings together the close reader can truthfully conclude that Harrity as the hero of last fall's campaign did not meet with President Cleveland's endorsement. Harrity is a politician, a successful one when guided by a leader but he has never won a political victory in the State outside of his own ward and the National success of the Democratic ticket last fall was not due to Harrity but to the able and wise leadership of Mr. William C. Whitney of New York who pulled all the wires of the campaign. Harrity's political methods in this State are very small but he uses all his opportunities in ways that are not altogether an indication of broad gauged leadership and Mr. Cleveland's astute and keen perception of men did not inspire him with any very lofty ideas of Harrity's capabilities, hence he looked around and jumped over Pennsylvania every time, filled his Cabinet with timber cut from other than the Keystone State political forests. Harrity was not offered any place in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet and it is very questionable whether he will have much to say in the distribution of the political patronage of the State beyond what he may get through the influence of some one who may be very close to the powers that be. As a ward boss, Mr. Harrity is a grand success, but in wider fields of State or National politics he has always been a failure.

State Treasurer Morrison has just issued his annual report of the finances of the State and he shows a very healthy condition of the exchequer of the Keystone State.

The net debt of the State is shown to be $2,606,532 plus, and included in this statement are some claims that matured forty years ago, have never been called for and probably never will be presented for redemption. The public debt reduced during the year, closing November 30, 1892, was $1,417,106 and all the outstanding debts of the State fully covered and provided for. The debt that will fall due in 1894, is $1,330,900 4 per cent. bonds which Mr. Morrison say is amply provided for by cash in the Sinking fund, interest on U. S. bonds and an annuity of $100,000 paid by the Allegheny Valley Railroad. The amount of money in the general fund at the close of the year was in round figures $5,500,000.

The public school appropriation for two years of $5,000,000 per year has been paid to within a few thousand dollars of the total appropriation. The estimated revenues for the coming year are in the gross about $10,000,000 and expenses, general fund, $9,824,700. Sinking Fund $340,465.

Henry Watterson the "Star eyed goddess of Liberty" from the blue hills of Kentucky and the silver tongued orator of the south, lectured in Harrisburg on Thursday evening last, on the subject of "Money and Morals." His lecture was a most pleasing and entertaining effort and abounded in beautiful flights of oratory and word pictures and was a grand treat to those who were fortunate in hearing him but it is said to the shame of a Harrisburg community that less than 300 persons were at the opera house to hear him. After the lecture, Governor Pattison entertained Mr. Watterson at the Executive Mansion.

The legislature will re-convene this evening at eight o'clock and from this out to the end of the session I suppose both houses will get down to solid work and make up for lost time since the opening of the session.

ALLROYT.

EX-CONFEDERATE PENSIONERS.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* makes the following timely and appropriate statement of facts in regard to ex-Confederate soldiers who are drawing pensions from the Government and their sentiments towards Union soldiers who are pensioners.

One curious thing about the Democratic assault on the pensions is the tender care they show for Mexican pensioners and the pensioners of Indian wars the only class drawing service pensions and nearly all of whom are from the South. One of the amendments which they wanted to put on the pension appropriation bill was that any person in receipt of an income of $600 should not be allowed a pension under the act of 1890. When it was proposed to extend this provision to the Mexican war service pension law the Democrats opposed it and yet as Mr. Boutelle showed the Senator George of Mississippi who was a colonel in the Confederate army, Senator Colquitt of Georgia who was a major general in the Confederate army and many other ex-Confederates in both the House and the Senate are drawing pensions under the act approved by Mr. Cleveland. The widow of General Lee's Confederate adjutant general, a man who deserted from the Union army before the war is drawing a pension under that act and the widow of Stonewall Jackson has made application under the same law and she will get her pension undoubtedly soon after Mr. [illegible]. Senator Maxey of Texas who served in the Confederate army for [illegible] the entire war made application May 23 1887 for a pension under the act and the case was rushed through under the Cleveland administration at such a rapid rate that four days afterward Mr. Maxey got his pension. Captain Bryan, Major Gratton, Captain Claiborne and many other men who left the Union army in 1861 to serve in the Confederate army and who remained in the Confederate service during the entire war are now drawing pensions under the Mexican Service bill approved by Mr. Cleveland. Not one of these men was in any way disabled during the Mexican war and some of them never crossed the Mexican frontier and yet with thousands of other ex-Confederates they are drawing pensions and so far as known not a Democratic newspaper in the United States has had the manliness or honesty to say a word on this subject while devoting columns to criticism of disabled Union veterans drawing pensions under the act of 1890 and some of the very men who are drawing pensions in addition to their $5,000 salaries for serving in the Congress voted this week to deprive any Union veteran of pension under the act of 1890 who is in receipt of an income of $600 and that is Democratic consistency on the pension business.

GOVERNOR McKINLEY TALKS.

The annual banquet of the State Republican League of Ohio was held at Columbus on Tuesday night February 14th. The principal speech was made by Governor McKinley in response to the toast "The Republican party." It was his first formal expression on the party made since the last National election. Said he:

"The Republican party values its principles no less in defeat than in victory. It holds to them after a reverse as before because it believes in them. The defeat of 1892 has not made Republican principles less true nor our faith in their ultimate triumph less firm. The party accepts with true American spirit the popular verdict and challenging the interpretation put upon it by our political opponents takes an appeal to the people whose court is always open and whose right of review is never questioned.

We do not shrink from contrast. In 1884 when the Democratic party went out of power the total wealth of the country was $16,000,000,000. In 1892 when the Republican party goes out the wealth will be more than $62,000,000,000. We have established, since October 1, 1890 the date when the new tariff law went into effect and up to the election day last November 345 new manufacturing enterprises, and have extended 108. The new capital invested is over $40,000,000 and the additional employes required 37,285.

We have not revised our views nor revised our lines, notwithstanding the Democratic victory of 1892. We still do not believe that Republican protection is a fraud and robbery nor that it is unconstitutional nor do we believe that the tariff law of 1890 was or is, the culminating atrocity of class legislation nor that reciprocity is a sham. We dissent from the National Democratic platform of 1892 in each and all of these opinions, and repudiate them as unsound, unpatriotic and libelous. Nor do we believe that the election can be interpreted as meaning that a majority of the people indorse these convention declarations.

I do not seek to interpret the election of 1892. That devolves upon those who by the suffrages of the people are given the control of Congress and the executive power of the government. Theirs is the responsibility and the peril. For their interpretation they must answer to the people."

The Governor said he did not believe the Democrats would dare repeal the present tariff law. If they should another very similar would be placed in its stead.

So go have the power to quiet
The restless pulse of care
And come like the benediction
That follows after prayer.

If you are worn out by that hacking cough and want a good night's rest try Pan-Tina, the great remedy for coughs, colds and consumption, 25 and 50 cents. Trial bottles free at Frank E. Foster's Drug Store.

Twenty-eight years of peaceful freedom have done wonders for the colored people of Virginia. In 1865 they owned nothing. They had just escaped from the category of being owned. Now they own $9,425,023 in real property and $3,442,950 in personal property. They have 122,039 pupils in the public schools of the State, and their percentage of attendance is 73, while that of the whites barely exceeds at 75. There is remarkable evidence here that the negro is as capable of rising under favorable circumstances, as any other race would be which had been kept back by unfavorable circumstances, such as savage and slave ancestry until a comparatively recent date.

The ownership of real estate is much more marked than that of personal property because at the close of the war and after the loss of their slaves the white planters of Virginia had no property except their land and the more of it they had the poorer they were as taxes were high and the soil exhausted by years of "sweating." The result of this state of affairs was that the white man paid the colored man in land instead of in cash for labor. The colored man who had been cultivating the soil all his life knew his business and has prospered.

The possession of personal property will accompany a higher state of civilization. The colored man when he sees an industrial white population on every side of him living as wage workers live in the Eastern and Middle States, will want to live in the same style and will seek to elevate his condition and standard of life. Some day the Southern people will discover that the way to solve their race problem is to treat the negro fairly and encourage domestic industries, thus increasing the white industrial population of the South. This is what protective duties will help the Southern people to do if undisturbed by the demagogues and county court lawyers whom the South sends to Congress.

A CHURCHLESS REGION.

Taney county, Missouri, according to the Kansas City *Times* has a population of 7,973 but there is not a church in the county. The *Times* gives this picture of society in that region: "Families are arrayed against other families and instead of carrying their woes into the courts they declare bitter war. If the men meet in town they fight upon the slightest provocation, the women fight and the children fight. Occasionally a dead body is found by the roadside or in a lonely gulch or by a path that runs through the woods. His hand is on the trigger of his rifle but the bullet hole in his breast tells of a quicker hand. There is no exaggeration in this statement of the affairs in some parts of the Ozarks. Sometimes there is a regular procession of tragedies. Again they will come one at a time, far apart so that it will be believed that the feuds have died out and peace once more holds sway. [illegible] has the reputation of several of these southern counties. [illegible] that land seekers and hunters do not care to return to Springfield from Arkansas except by circling Taney county. They fear that they will be [illegible] murdered in the [illegible] country that has no church [illegible] the feud [illegible]."

LITERARY NOTES.

The January [illegible] has been [illegible] February number the publishers [illegible] than five [illegible]. A large [illegible] edition of the March [illegible] first day of March.

[illegible] Nearly half of its contents relate to this remarkable country and are from the pens of such writers as [illegible] Tolstoi [illegible]. There are also beautiful ones of England and America by some of our best authors, among whom are Frances Hodgson Burnett, Tom P. Morgan, Caroline A. Creevey and Clyde Fitch. [illegible] early life [illegible] by John G. Whittier and also a striking newspaper story "The Great Journal Beat" by Rhodes MacKnight. The readers of this charming magazine will not be surprised to learn the fact which has come out since his death that Phillips Brooks was a regular reader and warm admirer of *Romance*. The magazine is issued by Romance Publishing Co. Clinton Hall, Astor Place New York at 25 cents a number, subscription $2.50 a year.

Bradfield's Female Regulator

should be used by the young woman who suffers from any disorder peculiar to her sex [illegible] Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

Bad complexion indicates an unhealthy system. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the pills that will cure this. They act on the liver [illegible] the stomach [illegible].

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood. Will drive malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all malarial fevers. For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters. Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded. Price 50 cts. and $1.00 per bottle at F. E. Foster's Drug Store.

It is a truth in medicine that the smallest dose that performs a cure is the best. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the smallest pill, will perform a cure, and are the best.

This old established cough remedy, Downs' Elixir still more than holds its own in the public estimation, despite sharp and active competition. It is a "home remedy" and in this locality needs no words of praise [illegible] favorably known. It is the standard remedy for coughs, colds and all throat troubles with great numbers of our people and their continued use and unsolicited recommendations of it speaks volumes in its favor.—Burlington Vt., *Free Press*.

The most intelligent people of our community recognize in DeWitt's Little Early Risers pills of unequaled merit, for dyspepsia, headache and consumption, very small, perfect in action.

The following item has been going the rounds of the press and as our druggist A. B. Armstrong handles the goods, it may interest our readers. Having had occasion to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it gives me pleasure to state that I found it to be the best medicine for a cough I ever used. In fact, it cured me of a cough that had baffled several other cough medicines.—N. R. Burnett, Atalissa, Iowa.

Specialist on the eye, will arrive in Smethport

Tuesday March 7th, 1893

Consultation from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. at the store of M. L. Armstrong and will examine your eyes without charge. Every pair of glasses guaranteed satisfactory.

Election Notice.

Public notice is hereby given that the school directors of the school district of the Borough of Smethport, by a resolution duly passed and adopted on the 13th day of February A. D. 1893, expressed their desire and recommended by their vote the increase of the indebtedness of the school district of the Borough of Smethport in the sum of ten thousand dollars which said sum is in excess of two per centum and not exceeding seven per centum upon the last preceding assessed valuation of the taxable property therein and hereby fix on Tuesday the fourth day of April A. D. 1893, as the date of the election at the usual polling place in said borough for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors of the said school district to such increase of indebtedness.

The amount of the assessed valuation of said school district is	$200,000 00
The amount of the existing debt of the said school district is	[illegible] 00
The amount desired to be raised for the purpose expressed below is	10,000 00

The per centum of said increase will be five per cent.

The purpose for which the indebtedness is to be increased is to provide the necessary funds for the erection of a new school building to take the place of the one destroyed by fire on the morning of January 31st, 1893, and also to provide the necessary funds to be used in furnishing the same for school purposes. Tickets will be provided electors labelled according to law as follows: On the outside "Increase the debt," on the inside "No increase of debt" or "Debt may be increased."

This in pursuance of the provisions of the act of April 20th 1874 and the act amendatory thereof approved June 9th 1881.

T. A. MORRISON,
President.

Attest:
[illegible]
Secretary.
Smethport Pa, February 13th, 1893.

FRAZER AXLE GREASE

BEST IN THE WORLD.

Its wearing qualities are unsurpassed, actually outlasting two boxes of any other brand. Not affected by heat. GET THE GENUINE.

FOR SALE BY DEALERS GENERALLY.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of A. Peter Anderson Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS of administration on the estate of A. Peter Anderson [illegible] deceased, have been granted [illegible].

THE NEXT MORNING I FEEL BRIGHT AND NEW AND MY COMPLEXION IS BETTER.

My doctor says it acts gently on the stomach, liver and kidneys, and is a pleasant laxative. This drink is made from herbs, and is prepared for use as easily as tea. It is called

LANE'S MEDICINE.

All druggists sell it at 50c. and $1.00 per package. Buy one to-day. Lane's Family Medicine moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary.

J M REILLY & CO.

UNDERTAKERS

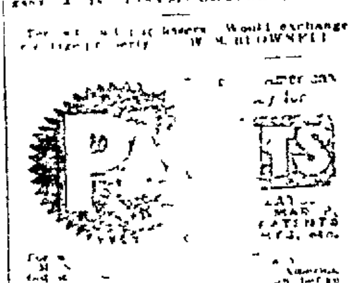
SMETHPORT, PA.

[illegible] Furniture [illegible] coffins, [illegible] embalming [illegible] when required.

J M REILLY & CO.

VALUABLE FARMS FOR SALE!

[illegible]



Horses For Sale.

10 head good sound young horses—Workers and Drivers. All around general purpose stock at very favorable prices.

PALMER & CHURCH.

Smethport, Pa. Feb. 10th, 1893.

Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment.

A certain cure for Chronic Sore Eyes, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Old Chronic Sores, Fever Sores, Eczema, Itch, Prairie Scratches, Sore Nipples and Piles. It is cooling and soothing. Hundreds of cases have been cured by it after all other treatment had failed. It is put up in 25 and 50 cent boxes.

B. H. & Co.

CASH AND ONE PRICE.

BUFFALO Feb. 22nd, 1893.

Easter Needs.

The Easter season ought to intensify your interest in the goods coming and going it makes Easter sunshine seem the nearer, the breath of June and the wealth of summer. We have stuff here that's right in line with your expections, no matter what the weather may be outside.

The sorts of dress goods bewilder one. Effects are too quick with thought for an ordinary pen to dash through. A woman's eye will catch and carry the entire story. The types can't tell their beauty or worth. Send for samples, but please be explicit as to style, color and value.

Fine Shoes.

If ever we were masters in the retailing of good footwear we are now. The stock is comprehensive—every size and style for men women and children. Recently permanently reduced prices on many of the most useful and fashionable sorts so as to double the business this year.

Everything the best in quality and make. No matter how low the price you're safe against mistake, and sure of good money's worth. Our guarantee is as good as a bank note.

Boy's Clothing

There's a heap of difference between ready made clothing.

Put ours alongside. It will demonstrate to you how it excels,

Its made with a single eye to long and satisfactory service, stylish as possible, reliable beyond peradventure.

Confirmation suits are here in all sizes and styles [illegible] selling [illegible].

[illegible] a stateful of figures to prove that reliable clothing pays.

BARNES, HENGERER & CO.

TO HAVE HEALTH THE LIVER MUST BE IN ORDER.

DR. SANFORD'S LIVER INVIGORATOR

Cures thousands annually of Liver Complaints, Billiousness, Jaundice, Dyspepsia, Constipation, Malaria. More Ills result from an Unhealthy Liver than any other cause. Why suffer when you can be cured? Dr. Sanford's Liver Invigorator is a celebrated family medicine.

YOUR DRUGGIST WILL SUPPLY YOU.

BLACKSMITHING!

The subscriber has purchased the blacksmith shop recently occupied by Charles Kreuger, on Mechanic street, near [illegible] saw mill where he is prepared to do first-class blacksmithing including

HORSESHOEING.

Satisfaction guaranteed. He also manufactures

SLEIGHS.

[illegible] Purposes with Patent Brakes [illegible].

Can Cure All Ordinary Lameness in Horse's Feet and Legs.

CHAS. W. [illegible]

Smethport, Aug. 6th, '90.

Good Night!

Do you keep Dr. HOXSIE'S Certain Croup Cure IN THE HOUSE?

It acts directly on the membranes of the throat and nose and enters the delicate tissues of the lungs. Hence its remarkable power in curing the worst cases of Croup, Coughs, Catarrhal and Congestive Colds, Whooping Cough and Asthma. As a PREVENTIVE of Diphtheria and Pneumonia it has no equal. It contains no opium in any form. It does not nauseate. 50 cents.

Guaranteed to Cure or Money Refunded.

HOXSIE C. C. CO.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

C. A. BURDICK,

General Insurance Agency,

SMETHPORT, PA.

The following first-class companies represented.

North America, Philadelphia	$9,000,000
Franklin Philadelphia	3,500,000
Pennsylvania Fire, Philadelphia	3,000,000
County Philadelphia	806,054
Hanover New York	2,479,[illegible]
Sun Fire, London U. S. Branch	2,500,000
Royal London	64,467,[illegible]
Commercial Union London	2,116,[illegible]

LIFE INSURANCE.

Mutual Life New York	$140,000,000
Travelers Accident, Hartford.	11,917,949

Also agency for the sale of first-class

Pianos, Organs BANJOS

—AND—

SEWING MACHINES.

All sold for cash or on installments.

Orders by mail promptly attended to and correspondence solicited.

AND NOW, DECEMBER 10 1892, IT IS ordered and directed that the Court of Common Pleas, the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery and the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of McKean, at the regular term and session now fixed for the week commencing the fourth Monday of February A. D. 1893, shall continue for one more week, to-wit, the week commencing on the first Monday of March, 1893. And that a separate venire issue for jurors for each of said weeks. The purpose of this order is to have the regular February term and sessions of said Court continue for two weeks, and to have a panel of jurors for each week.

PER CURIAM.

Attest:
J. M. McELROY, Prothonotary.

We make a reduction of

25 to 50 cents

per barrel in the price of

FLOUR.

Flour is cheaper than it has been in 20 years.

—o—

CHICKEN FEED.

We have just unloaded 20 tons of wheat, and it is the best thing for Chicken feed that we have ever had.

—o—

Drop a postal card for samples and prices.

HOTTON BROS.,
PORTVILLE, N. Y.

GO TO

ROONEY'S MARKET

Wholesale and Retail

—FOR A—

Nice Piece of Meat

Fresh, Salt or Smoked.

—FOR—

FRESH & SALT FISH

—AND FOR ALL—

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

I will also pay the highest price for

STOCK AND HIDES

CALL AND SATISFY YOURSELF.

Nearly opposite [illegible]

J. F. ROONEY.

M. L. ARMSTRONG,

JEWELER,

AND DEALER IN

Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Spectacles, Toys, Eye-glasses,

And all goods pertaining to a First-class Jewelry store.

Satisfaction guaranteed and prices as Low as the Lowest. Call and inspect our new stock.

INSURANCE

Life, Fire and Accident written by

W. F. SPECHT,

SMETHPORT, PA.

In good reliable companies.

GLEASON & LEMMLER

Dealers in and Manufacturers of

HARNESS

OF EVERY STYLE AND CHARACTER

Which they will sell at the

LOWEST RATES.

They also keep a full supply of

Saddles, Blankets, Whips, Etc.

Also a large and complete invoice

TRUNKS & VALISES

Which they propose to sell at manufacturer prices. Call and examine our stock and prices and become satisfied that it is a waste of time to look elsewhere for goods we sell. We are selling our goods as low as any house west of New York for quality.

GLEASON & LEMMLER.

Palmer & Church,

Livery, Feed and Sale

STABLES.

Largest, Best Equipped and Most Complete Livery Establishment in McKean county.

Prompt attention to orders by wire.

MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS.

TO THE PUBLIC.

We desire to call your attention to the fact that on April 1st, 1893, we shall open a shop in Smethport, Pa., for the manufacture and sale of all kinds of marble and granite cemetery work.

All orders by male or otherwise will receive prompt attention.

Prices reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed.

Hoping to receive a liberal share of your patronage, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

W. H. PRENTISS & CO.,
Proprietors.

THOSE WHO BUY MOST. BUY CHEAPEST.

No one will doubt that.

But that is but one advantage held by the great store in Bradford.

Most people go there because most of the things that they need are there—because the store has all styles of all things that it keeps.

There's a great advantage in choosing from all there is to select from.

There's a pleasure in buying from a stock that is thoroughly up to the times. All the world knows it—you know it. Then come.

What You'll Find There.

- Stoves
- Tinware
- Hardware
- Tools
- Builders' Supplies
- Paints
- Harness
- Horse Blankets
- Robes.
- Silverware
- China
- Glassware
- Cutlery
- Woodenware
- Housekeeping Utensils
- Watches
- Jewelry
- Mill Supplies
- Oil and Gas Well Supplies
- Blacksmith's Supplies
- Lumbermen's Supplies
- Etc., Etc., Etc.

Some Cut Prices

The odds and ends of our winter goods are being sold at prices to close them out.

Horse Blankets now range form $1 up.

Fur Robes are cut marvelously.

Sleds are sold at about half former prices—

[illegible] for 25 cent.

[illegible]

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,

43-45 Main St., Bradford. Emery & Weaver.

Our Spring Stock is Arriving.

We have already on hand an elegant line of dress goods in all the leading shades and styles.

Beautiful goods, all wool, at 50 cents per yard.

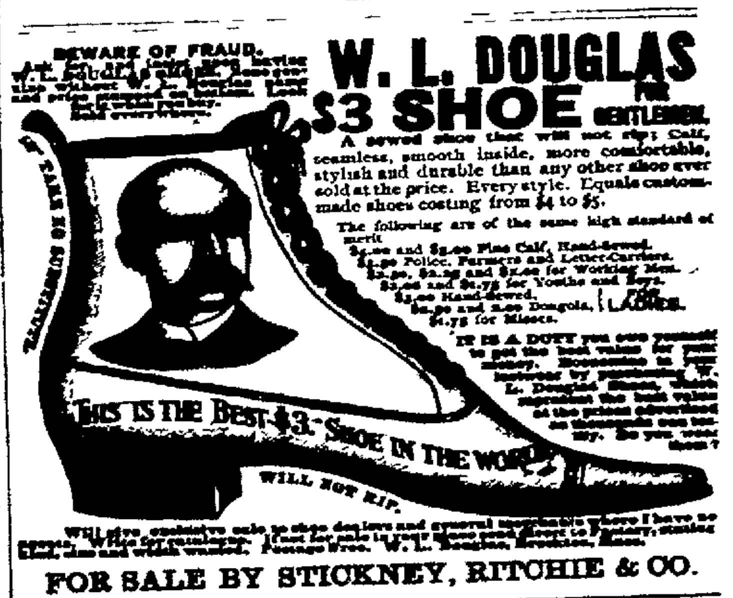
A very fine line of dress ginghams, satin gloria, satin glace, satines and Irish lawns, also some very nice prints in light, medium and dark shades.

A full line of

White ∴ Goods ∴ and ∴ Lace ∴ Curtains.

We still have an elegant lot of remnants, which we know are appreciated by the way they are going.

Mrs. T. D. NASH.


BEWARE OF FRAUD.
THIS IS THE BEST $3 SHOE IN THE WORLD
WILL NOT RIP.

W. L. DOUGLAS $3 SHOE FOR GENTLEMEN.

A sewed shoe that will not rip; Calf, seamless, smooth inside, more comfortable, stylish and durable than any other shoe ever sold at the price. Every style. Equals custom-made shoes costing from $4 to $5.

The following are of the same high standard of merit:

$4.00 and $5.00 Fine Calf, Hand-Sewed.

$3.50 Police, Farmers and Letter-Carriers.

$2.50, $2.25 and $2.00 for Working Men.

$2.00 and $1.75 for Youths and Boys.

$3.00 Hand-Sewed, $2.50 and 2.00 Dongola, } FOR LADIES.

$1.75 for Misses.

FOR SALE BY STICKNEY, RITCHIE & CO.

DR. HOXSIE'S CERTAIN CROUP CURE

NO OPIUM. AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

IS Guaranteed to CURE or Money Refunded.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

Smethport, Pa., March 3, 1893

CLUBBING RATES.

We will send the MINER and any [illegible] or magazine mentioned below one year, to any address, as follows:

The MINER and New York *Tribune* $1 25

The MINER and Philadelphia Weekly *Press* $1 50

The MINER and Albany Weekly [illegible] $1 50

The MINER and Pittsburg *Chronicle* [illegible] 50

The MINER and *Judge Library of* [illegible], monthly for $1 [illegible]

The MINER and Harrisburg Weekly *Post* for $1 75

The MINER and New York *World* $1 50

The MINER and *Cosmopolitan Magazine* for $3 [illegible]

The MINER and American [illegible] for $2 00

The MINER and *Demorest Family Magazine* for $3 10

The MINER and *National Tribune* $2 [illegible]

The MINER and *Scribner's Magazine* $3 [illegible]

The MINER and *Home Market Bulletin* for $1 [illegible]

LOCAL AND GENERAL

A Mugwump Administration

[illegible]

[illegible] Court week. [illegible] Beautiful [illegible] weather [illegible] Where MINER [illegible] reading [illegible]

[illegible]

Don't forget [illegible] Baptist [illegible]

The [illegible] organ of the [illegible]

[illegible]

We wonder why the *Reporter* used [illegible] supplement [illegible] the page [illegible] the auditor's report

The attendance at court this week is very large. At times it is most impossible to get into the court room.

Died in Knoxville, Missouri, Mrs. Theresa [illegible] daughter of [illegible] [illegible] of her age.

Astronomers say that a fine star is so far away that 2000 [illegible] years [illegible] required for their light to reach [illegible] [illegible] we do not [illegible] wait for the light.

In asking [illegible] for [illegible] publishing the auditor's report [illegible] type was [illegible] The report is set [illegible] making [illegible] much [illegible] than it [illegible] compared.

The Ladies' [illegible] Aid Society [illegible] an oyster supper and [illegible] for the Rev. [illegible] Brennan [illegible] evening, March [illegible] at the residence of [illegible] Wagoner at East Smethport. [illegible] invited.

Yes, even the righteous [illegible] when they have an opportunity [illegible] witness the [illegible] report. [illegible] should [illegible] than that first year [illegible] published [illegible] when [illegible]

His Satanic Majesty of the MINER [illegible] thus remarks of the weather: [illegible] weather [illegible] then [illegible] snow and then it blew [illegible] and again it snow and thaw and [illegible] the month of February."

—The social given by the members of the Baptist church at the Wright House Friday evening of last week was one of the most successful as well as pleasant [illegible] ever held in Smethport. The attendance was very large and [illegible] pleased.

—To accommodate the largely increased "passenger travel" caused by the present [illegible] of court a special [illegible] was run on the B. B. & K. between Smethport and Bradford the first four days of the week, leaving here at [illegible] o'clock and returning 7:30.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Swanson are mourning the loss of an infant child which died Saturday last, but a short time after its birth. The funeral was held on Sunday and was largely attended. Rev. Geo. V. Halliwell conducted the services.

—The entertainment given by the Epworth League, on Monday evening drew an immense audience. The musical selections were finely rendered, but the lecture on "Woman's Suffrage" was the treat of the evening. All who attended were more than pleased.

—Jacob Kopplin, a railroad employe, while making a coupling at Colegrove, had his hand caught between the bumpers Tuesday. He was brought to Smethport and attended by Dr. Freeman, who found it necessary to amputate three fingers of the right hand.

—Morning services at the Baptist church on Sunday at 10:30, subject "An Old Testament Promise Brought Down to the Present." Sunday school at 11:30, Pastor's Bible Class at the same hour. Young People's Prayer Meeting at 6:30. Evening services 7:30, subject "Baptism," when several will be baptized.

—An oak tree thirty inches in diameter was recently cut down in Hares Valley, Huntingdon county, Pa. S. B. Green [illegible] the tree and with the aid of a [illegible] counted its yearly growths and found that it was 426 years old. This tree was alive during the life of Columbus and [illegible] years before he discovered America.

The editor of the Tomah[illegible] Pa. paper advertised that on market day a man would be at the hotel to buy dogs to take west. Farmers brought in hundreds of dogs; there were fights innumerable [illegible] a continual canine concert. The [illegible] failed to materialize and the editor left town to avoid the wrath of the victims of the joke.

An [illegible] about a newspaper office is [illegible] of literature called a card of thanks. It is a thing wholly [illegible] [illegible] private [illegible] [illegible] card of thanks [illegible]

A bad wreck occurred on the Cameron Branch of the W. N. Y. & P. R. R. at Colegrove [illegible] Tuesday morning last. [illegible] in charge of [illegible] [illegible] cleared the main track. A special [illegible] train was [illegible] the hill with engine 1[illegible] [illegible] Thev [illegible] [illegible] injured [illegible] fireman was seriously [illegible]

[illegible] W. H. Perrins [illegible]

[illegible] W. Mason [illegible]

[illegible] the ak [illegible] who strikes [illegible]

[illegible]

The relationship between Napoleon [illegible] Madame [illegible] was [illegible] Madame Mere moved aside the proffered hand. Napoleon then [illegible] his [illegible] hand and kissed it, and she said to him: [illegible] you know [illegible] [illegible] respect [illegible] I am your subject, but in private I [illegible] mother. Now should you say [illegible] answer [illegible] exactly as I please."—*New York Times.*

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home Gas Co. Limited, was held on Monday evening and the accounts of the company footed up. The treasurer's report shows the company to be in excellent financial condition. After the preliminary matters had been disposed of the annual election was held, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: J. P. Herrick, President; L. J. White, Vice President; J. C. Roberts, Treasurer; F. H. Raymond, Secretary; J. P. Herrick, C. B. Roberts, L. A. White, J. C. Carrier and H. R. Smith, Directors. The stock has increased just about 40 per cent in value during the first year, which is regarded as a very good showing. The company own two high pressure wells, about four miles of line and have a [illegible] territory leased to supply the village with natural gas for a long time. The rates charged are fair and equitable and about 40 per cent less than the prices paid before the advent of the Home Company. It is strictly a "home" institution and all the stock is held by Ceres citizens.—*Mail*

Do you lack faith and love health, Let us establish your faith and restore your health with DeWitt's Sarsaparilla.

"There is salve for every wound." We refer to DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, cures burns, bruises, cuts, indolent sores as a local application in the nostrils it cures catarrh, and always cures piles.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

E. O. Durfee of Port Allegany was in town Monday.

Chas. A. Lambert and wife were in town on Tuesday.

J. J. Newman returned from his Southern trip last Friday.

M. T. Shortts, of Port Allegany had business in town this week.

Ralph Burdick and wife were guests of Colegrove friends last Sunday.

Attorney Eugene Mullin and wife are in town this week during Court.

E. J. Brasted, returned Saturday from a business trip to Coudersport.

Miss Bertha Robison, of Hazel Hurst, is visiting friends in town this week.

F. C. Cleveland came down from Mt. Jewett this week to attend Court.

W. B. [illegible] of Bradford was among the MINER's welcome callers this week.

Miss Mattie Foster of Eldred, is visiting Mrs. Kate Kidder of Fulton street.

J. B. [illegible] of Port Allegany had business at the county seat on Tuesday.

Hon. L. Rogers attended the State Encampment G. A. R. at Lebanon this week.

Mrs. [illegible] M[illegible] attended the convention of the W. R. C. at Lebanon this week.

Capt. Wm. [illegible] East Bradford, made the MINER office a pleasant call Monday.

F. [illegible] Davis, of Bradford, a former resident of Smethport, is serving as a juror this week.

A. I. Barden of Eldred was in town one week and made the MINER office a pleasant call.

Attorney W. J. Milliken of East Bradford was among the busy attorneys at court this week.

[illegible] W. Catlin was a caller at the MINER office [illegible] his aid [illegible] at court this week.

[illegible] Frank Brayton [illegible] Hoyt of Kane are in [illegible] this week.

Dr. James Johnson and Miss Frankie Hurley, of Bradford, were guests of Miss Lee Knapp on Monday.

[illegible] of Port Allegany [illegible] of Eldred were [illegible] at court this week.

[illegible] returned to Smethport [illegible] having been called here on account of the sickness of his child.

[illegible] James Angus, was serving [illegible] this week and took the [illegible]

Mrs. Carrie Smith, Miss Lee Knapp and Miss M[illegible] [illegible] Bradford [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] M. H. Byles, [illegible] Bradford [illegible]

[illegible]

The County Superintendency

We are and always have been opposed [illegible] in our schools, but it seems that a [illegible] campaign has been [illegible] against Mr. Eckels [illegible] from the Port Allegany *Reporter* [illegible]

[illegible] regard for one of [illegible] Mr. Eckels was one of [illegible] supporters [illegible] Though the press [illegible] vote of the question [illegible] Port Allegany [illegible] Republican [illegible] vote for [illegible] the Democratic nominee for school director [illegible]

Never before [illegible] has the question [illegible] politics entered into the [illegible] Cooper's [illegible] that important [illegible] position has [illegible] should at once be dropped from the canvass. In ordering [illegible] from the *Reporter*, the [illegible] *Republican* says:

The *Reporter* supports Mr. Cooper simply because he is a Democrat, completely ignoring the fitness of the candidates for the office which they aspire. It is a important office and one which should be filled by a capable man. While we are opposed to the three-term plan, as far as Mr. Eckles' reelection [illegible] have to believe him to be the best man [illegible] place. When he was elected to the superintendency six years ago, the schools of McKean county were in a deplorable state, but by his progressive ideas Mr. Eckels has elevated them to a high degree of excellence until to-day they stand paramount to those of our neighboring counties. He has performed his duty well and all the directors will honor him by reelecting him at the meeting in May.

The Story Condensed

During the absence of Mr. Rogers we have nothing to say as to the charges brought against him by Mr. Smith in the Bradford *Record*, save that they are unfounded but the following from the *Era* will show how the matter is regarded by others who are in a position to know the facts:

Ex-Treasurer Shoemaker says: "Rogers is the man I know whom the stories are told he would go along sometimes with a [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] should be taken out of the [illegible]

Mr. Shoemaker says it has always been the custom of the outgoing treasurer to hand in his [illegible] account of the county funds until the [illegible] are taken as complications would arise [illegible] it would be seen that Mr. Rogers that they were the [illegible] of the fund to [illegible] treasurer [illegible] of Mr. Rogers that they had a [illegible] for the same purpose.

Mr. Fagnan [illegible] as an [illegible] of the alleged embarrassment in the office, and intimated that he was not very hard up for money to run the county [illegible]. He had no knowledge, he says, of any deficiency that would lead to the belief that Mr. Rogers is not ready to pay all money demanded at the proper time. While the [illegible] the private business of these depositors, A man at Smethport, not a banker, but who has the confidence of the people, says Mr. Rogers has on deposit, subject to his check, more money than enough to square the county account, and that he will do it as soon as he is [illegible] and the [illegible]

Commissioner [illegible] says: "If Rogers wanted to [illegible] the county he would have done it when he had $80,000 in his hands, and when he has only $2,000."

Mother's Friend

is the greatest blessing ever offered child bearing woman. I have been a midwife many years and each case where Mother's Friend has been used, it has accomplished wonders and relieved much suffering. It is the best remedy for rising of the breast known, and worth the price for that alone. Mrs. M. A. Brewster, Montgomery, Ala.

A little ill, then a little pill. The ill is gone the pill has won. DeWitt's Little Early Risers the pills that cure great ills.

...RMINAL ...OURT

VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER THE VERDICT IN THE HANCOCK CASE.

The Crossmire Case Now on—Intense Interest Manifested—Findings of the Grand Jury, Etc., Etc.

The regular February term of court convened on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Hon. T. A. Morrison on the bench.

The forenoon was spent in receiving constables' returns, charging the grand jury and in the transaction of routine business incidental to the opening of a criminal term.

A. H. Mayo was appointed foreman of the grand jury.

In the afternoon the court room was filled to overflowing. At about 2 o'clock the case of Calvin Hancock, for the killing of Frank Wagoner, was called. The prisoner, who was sitting near his attorney, J. M. McClure, was told to stand up and listen to the indictment, and at the conclusion of the reading by the clerk was asked if he was guilty or not guilty, to which he frankly replied, "I killed the man, but did it in self defence." Then, being prompted by his attorney, he plead not guilty.

The prisoner is a man of nearly 75 years of age. He was poorly but neatly clad and his iron grey hair and whiskers heightened the prison pallor of his face. He is an innocent appearing old man, and being quite deaf paid little attention to the proceedings. His two daughters sat behind him, one with a babe in her arms. They are very respectable appearing ladies, and it is said are sustaining the cost and burden of the defense of their father. The array of attorneys is not large, J. M. McClure being the only attorney for the defendant, while Eugene Mullin is assisting Prosecuting Attorney Bouton.

Three hours were consumed in selecting a jury.

The first witness called was Dr. James Johnson, who made the postmortem examination. He testified as to the finding of the bullet wound in the arm another in the chest, breaking the third rib and going across the chest, found abrasions on the back of the shoulder and a peculiar wound in the wrist as if a bullet had passed through the skin.

Undertaker Rook testified also to the wounds on the body and identified the clothing worn by Frank Wagoner.

On Tuesday morning the court room was filled. The first witness called was the wife of Frank Wagoner. She told the story of the threats made by Hancock to Frank herself and others while passing the old homestead a few days before the killing. Hancock threatened to "shoot the whole [illegible] mob of [illegible]" She also stated the story of the oyster supper and denied emphatically that Frank was intoxicated.

Mrs. [illegible], another sister of Frank's, [illegible] excellent witness for the prosecution. Witness had lived with her mother [illegible] years after the death of her father [illegible] left because Hancock made [illegible] disagreeable and wanted the mother's [illegible] from the children.

Mrs. Raymond, another sister, the most [illegible] witness [illegible] she asked Frank [illegible] up the pipe. Went up to help [illegible] Went into the house and heard Hancock [illegible] Hancock pointed a revolver at [illegible] and said "You devil [illegible] [illegible] Witness went [illegible] heard shots. Went back asked Hancock if he had shot Frank. Hancock said "Yes, I've killed him" and [illegible] at the same time [illegible] revolver at her. Witness met [illegible] on the walk afterwards. Had [illegible] with him but she was so excited [illegible] could not say much about it.

The witness story was very clear and was damaging to the defendant. The [illegible] cross examination [illegible] failed to tangle or confuse them.

The testimony of old man Hutchinson the one eye-witness to the shooting, aside perhaps from the mother of the murdered man, corroborated the story of the sisters. He was in bed when the trouble commenced and arose and dressed at the request of Hancock, who said he feared [illegible]. Hutchinson swore that he was sitting in the kitchen and the first intimation of trouble he had was when he heard a pistol shot. He went in and found Frank standing peacefully before the closed door of the sitting room where his mother slept. Hancock, who was inside with the old lady, opened the door and leaned out, then pointed the revolver at Frank and shot three times. Frank turned and walked through the dining room and kitchen to a store-room where he fell dead." Hutchinson also confirmed the story of Hancock's threats and brutal treatment of Mrs. Raymond after the shooting.

At five o'clock Tuesday afternoon the commonwealth rested and the defense opened.

J. M. McClure, Esq., the only attorney for the defense, made a strong opening speech and a favorable presentment of his client's case to the jury.

The first witness was the prisoner Calvin Hancock. He is very deaf and a rambling personal witness and it was difficult to pin him down to mere facts. He told the story of the dynamite explosions and of the shooting. His story differed in every particular from that of the preceding witnesses. On the night of the tragedy Frank came to the house accompanied by a number of people, came into the house three times, each time making threats that if he [Hancock] did not [illegible] he would have his life," etc. After the second visit Hancock got out his revolver and locked himself and Mrs. Wagoner in their joint sleeping room. Frank broke into the house and came to the door and tried to break it down all the time threatening death to Hancock. Finally Mrs. Wagoner told him to shoot and he shot through the door downward to scare Frank. He did not scare, however, and soon got the door open far enough to hit Hancock twice and grab him by the coat. Hancock then thought his case desperate and fired twice with the result of the death of Frank Wagoner.

L. J. White corroborated Hancock on many points, but knew little of the killing as he fled at the beginning of hostilities.

John Wilson was the first witness called Wednesday morning and the strongest witness for the defense. Examined door into Mrs. Wagoner's room, found two marks outside fresh and made by some heavy instrument. Found pipe taken up, one piece 25 or 30 foot long, threads rusted. No evidence of recently being disconnected. Mrs. Frank Wagoner told him the trouble would not have occurred if Frank had been sober. In rebuttal that afternoon the prosecution put the door, which had been taken off and brought over that day itself in evidence, on which was no marks of violence whatever. Every statement of Wilson was rebutted. A shrewd scheme on the part of the prosecution.

Constable Spreetor testified to Hancock's surrender, the marks on his face, a black eye and bruised cheek. Edward Miller testified that Hutchinson said he was paid for his services as a witness and expected more, but the cross examination made it doubtful what the payment was for.

Mrs. Eliza Wagoner was called for the defense. She is an old lady of 72 years of age and by reason of defective hearing was not a reliable witness for either side. She was a difficult but willing witness and contradicted many of Hancock's statements. As court adjourned at noon witnesses were being called as to the reputation of the men the general testimony being favorable to Hancock and that the the deceased had a good reputation when sober.

The evidence in the case was concluded at 1 o'clock. Mr. McClure presented legal points to the court on behalf of the defendant, citing authorities. Mr. Mullin and District Attorney Bouton presented arguments on the points of law in behalf of the Commonwealth.

Attorney McClure made a most eloquent plea for the defense and at its close an adjournment was had until 8 o'clock.

During [illegible] The judge made his charge covering the evidence and instructing the jury on law points. At 10:15, he having finished his remarks, the case was given to the jury.

At 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning the jury returned a verdict of voluntary manslaughter.

THE CROSSMIRE CASE

At the opening of court on Thursday morning the case of Ralph Crossmire for the killing of his mother, in November last was called. The crime was a most atrocious and unnatural one. The assassin after beating his victim to death hung her lifeless body to a rafter in the stable where she had gone to milk a cow. In this view of the case a conviction carries with it the extreme penalty of the law. There is no middle course. The prisoner after listening to the indictment entered a plea of not guilty. Nearly four hours were consumed in selecting the jury which is composed of the following named gentlemen:

James Anglen, Bradford.
E. Hitchcock, Foreman.
P. J. McLarsen, Lafayette.
Wm Grigsby, Smethport.
D. Hannahs, Bradford.
George Fitch, Liberty.
Lawrence Bussel, Newell.
James Ferrell, Bradford.
C. T. Campbell, Liberty.
Fred Falkenburg, Gaffey.
W. I. Ovean, Keating Township.
V. Stanford, Bradford Township.

Judge Morrison reminded the jurors of the importance of the case and cautioned them against speaking or reading of the case during the progress of the trial.

Eugene Mullin, of Bradford appears for the accused and P. R. Cotter of Eldred assists the District Attorney.

On the re-convening of the court after the noon recess there was a rush for seats and in a very short time every seat was filled and even standing room was at a premium. District Attorney Bouton opened the case for the Commonwealth. He detailed the theory as to the killing and outlined the facts proposed to be proven. During Mr. Bouton's address the prisoner appeared nervous and fidgity.

Many witnesses have been called but little more than circumstantial evidence has been elicited, but that of a criminating character.

The prisoner is a good-looking young man, with black hair and a small moustache. He has neither a hard nor a pleasant face.

The talk of the lawyers is to the effect that the evidence for the prosecution is overwhelming and that conviction is certain. Mullin, however will make a strong fight and will save his client from the halter if possible.

FINDINGS OF THE GRAND JURY.

The grand jury finished their duties Wednesday afternoon, the following bills being returned:

Commonwealth vs Martin Fetz. A true bill.
Com. vs Ludwig Dormeyer. A true bill.
Com. vs Joe Prine. A true bill.
Com. vs Samuel Bomsher. A true bill.
Com. vs Mate Payton. A true bill.
Com. vs John A. Davis. A true bill.
Com. vs James Angelo. A true bill.
Com. vs Joseph Barber. Not a true bill and the county to pay costs.
Com. vs Rose Dugrily. Not a true bill and the prosecutor Charles Geary to pay costs.
Com. vs H. L. Rosenthal. Not a true bill and county to pay costs.
Com. vs Nancy Malone. Not a true bill and the prosecutor H. L. Rosenthal to pay costs.
Com. vs Bert Seeley. Not a true bill.
Com. vs E. L. Cleveland. Not a true bill and the prosecutor, W. W. Brewer to pay costs.
Com. vs McClellan Marsh. Not a true bill and the county to pay costs on one indictment. A true on the second.
Com. vs George Annostati. A true bill.

The grand jury recommended that Mt. Jewett be incorporated as a borough.

A report was also submitted commending [illegible] King, superintendent of the poor farm, for the excellent condition of the buildings and farm.

MANNERS AND GRAINS

The Value of a Good Address and Knowledge of Social Courtesy

The scorn for manners as conventionalities manifested in a large contingent among our intellectual men and women is according to a writer in Harper's Bazar, one of the unfortunate features of society as it is now constituted. She says:

It is only in lessons that manners can be brought to the pitch of art, but in any well ordered home however humble, much may be accomplished in this direction by constant insistence upon the observance of the best known rules for outward conduct and by dwelling upon the importance of cultured manners when the morals and the mind are under training. Every opportunity should be seized for imparting to children ease and naturalness of bearing in company. The conductors of all kinds of institutions of learning should see to it that a certain ceremony is scrupulously kept up during all of their receptions and parties.

It is impossible always to tell how much the intellect or the heart is profiting by instruction. Progress made in the culture of the manners, on the other hand, can be gauged by the commonest observer. It is true that the very finest kind of manners cannot exist without the highest development of the inner soul, but "society" manners are exclusive of such lofty standards, while conversely our good Dr. Holmes wittily and not unjustly remarks that "there are two virtues which Christians have found it very hard to exemplify in practice. These are modesty and civility."

It is high time that the real aristocracy of the earth—its learned men and its men of genius—should bear the outward signs of what the earth has always called its "best society."

No intellectual person can aspire to the position of a social "swell." But if social usages were taught, as they might be, in intelligent homes these "minor morals" which so much affect the future of our boys and girls—scholars would not lay themselves open as they do now to the too often deserved charge of boorishness, and would not be the victims of covert sneers from the gibbed youth upon whom they may have no opportunity to impress perhaps the first worthy ideals.

Bits of Social Wisdom.

Promptness in all social matters should be strictly observed, as polite society does not excuse a silence which is practically discourteous.

Indiscriminate kissing is slowly but surely going out of fashion. The "fin de siecle" woman does not indulge in it.

Do not set up for a critic either in social or private life if you wish to be agreeable or popular.

One of the best rules in conversation is never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish we had left unsaid; nor can there well be anything more contrary to the ends for which people meet together than to part unsatisfied with each other or themselves.

Always give precedence to elders and visitors. Offer them the best seat at the table, the best place by the fire and the first of everything. Go further than mere form and see that they are comfortable and happy.

Mr James Lambert, of New Brunswick, Illinois, says: "I was badly afflicted with rheumatism in the hips and legs, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlains Pain Balm. It cured me in three days I am all right to-day and would insist on every one using it who is afflicted with that terrible disease, and get well at once." For sale by A. B. Armstrong.

Here it is and it fills the bill much better than anything we could say. "It gives me the greatest pleasure to write you in regard to Chamberlains Cream Balm. During the past winter I have sold more of it than any other kind, and have never had any medicine in my store that gave such universal satisfaction." J. M. Roney, Druggist, Geuda Spring, Kansas. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist.

Fall and Winter.
1892.

The new Dunlap hat is now ready for your inspection, this hat needs no comments, other than being the best hat in the world. The Simons, 30 Main St Bradford, Pa. Sole Agent for McKean Co.

Lane's Family Medicine Moves the Bowels Each day. Most people need to use it.

Nobby Styles.

Is what we always carry in neckwear and you may be sure that you can get the correct thing at The Simons, 30 Main St, Bradford, Pa.

WANTED—A competent girl for general house work. Small family; must be a good cook, wages $3.50. Address
P. O. Lock Box 92,
Smethport, Pa.

Interesting News Items from Various Localities as Picked up by Our Regular correspondents.

KANE.

Not a native born, but constable of the 1st Ward is what I am.

Dr. Thos. L. Kane has charge of Dr. Evans' patients during his sojourn in Florida.

The snow drifts between Kane and Mt. Jewett borough is baneful and discomforting to the Kane liveryomen.

Another large congregation attended the M. E. Church Sunday evening and listened to one of Rev. H. G. Hall's able and instructive discourses.

Obviously the first duty to be met by the new borough administration, is the water question. An empty treasury to meet it with. All other matters must wait their turn.

Col. Andrews and brother, of Meadville, passed through here Sunday evening enroute to Harrisburg. Quite a number of G. A. R. men were on the train for Lancaster.

A. G. Larson has been on the retired list of locomotive pushers for several days, came a stubborn cold. By diligent inquiry he found the 2nd ward polling place and voted.

A few log contractors are hoping that the snow may lay a month or two longer to give them ample time to complete their jobs. These drones will want one months good sleighing after Easter.

As soon as several ladies care to testify as to the above they see on Bayard street there will be quite a fluttering among some frail ones who are acting very unseemly, between Dawson and Welch streets.

Jno. G. Soberg informs the writer that after March first he will act as travelling salesman and advertising agent for the well-known firm of N. E. Collins & Co. They have secured the service of the right man.

An old Arctic explorer who resides in Kane says the huge piles of snow on Fraley street, reminds him of what he saw forty-two years ago near the north pole. There must have been some snow in that region.

The handsome editor of the Kane Republican was in Buffalo the latter part of last week. He says the events of last Tuesday were more than the average sensitive Republican could bear, hence the quiet relief sought in York state.

Esquire Gillis and son Claude left on Thursday, via Washington, D. C., for the Squire's pine-apple farm in Florida where they will remain for several months. Who'll be Squire until Uncle Lon Davis receives his commission.

A large delegation will leave Kane Thursday evening for Washington, D. C., to witness the inauguration ceremonies on Saturday, a number of them being Republicans, who are anxious to witness the inauguration of a mugwump President.

A young lady of prepossessing appearance was seen on our streets Saturday evening in a beastly state of intoxication the signal, J. C. M., Dunkirk, admit one gentleman, was picked up by a companion and may be seen at the "Blazing Stump."

Our Democratic Burgess elect, J. S. Brattley and B. F. McConnell tired themselves to the Thomson House on Friday evening to see President elect Cleveland, who was reported to be on mail train east. They found a much handsomer man, John S. Davis taking his supper there. Who fooled you B. F.?

Several drunken ruffians from near Sargent came to Kane Monday of last week and insulted any whom they chanced to meet on the streets whether ladies or gentlemen. They came to grief quickly when they ran across Burgess Gerould [illegible] Kelts, who escorted the [illegible] to the lockup. The borough treasury was enriched by their fines. Such loafers seldom go unpunished in Kane whether our policeman is on duty or not.

A compromise of the gas question was affected at a meeting held Saturday evening. The terms offered by the two old gas companies were accepted by the officers and stockholders of the Fidelity Gas Co., $1.25 per month a stove for five years, being the price agreed upon. The Fidelity Gas Co. is to be a thing of the past for the above term of years. The settlement apparently gives entire satisfaction to all except the individual who proposed to furnish gas for one dollar a stove, provided the consumers burn wood or coal 9 months during the year, and pay twelve dollars in advance for the three months they burn gas.

ELDRED.

Several sleigh loads of Duryville young people came down to see "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Saturday evening.

The Postal Telegraph Co. this week removed their office to the store of Mr. Swackhamer, who will hereafter manipulate the wires for them.

Comrade B. F. Wilson of upper Main street is very low with Bright's disease. His life was despaired of for several days the fore part of the week.

Rev. Father Flood removed to his new home near the church Tuesday. The Catholic congregation now have one of the neatest parsonages of any like congregation around.

The opera house was well filled last Saturday night on the appearance of Uncle Tom's Cabin. The usual performance was given and everybody was tickled almost to death to see Eva climb and Tom killed.

Constable Durfee went to the county seat Monday to swear in again and to make his quarterly returns. He has made a good record during the past year as a peace officer and as a tax collector he is way up to the top of the list for promptness.

Several weeks ago our dry goods merchant, C. W. Franklin, sold out his business here to W. J. Flynn of Buffalo, who was to open up this week but Monday morning he came to town and packed up the goods and took them to Buffalo to sell off at auction.

George T. Webble after having been employed for years by the Standard Oil Co. in this section and been a resident of Eldred, has been removed, and he left for West Virginia last Saturday where he will put him to work. He will not remove his family for some time yet.

Messrs. Hathaway and Moody the celebrated Evangelists are holding forth this week at the M. E. church here. These gentlemen are remarkable in their several capacities and have been drawing full houses, but we apprehend they will have hard work reforming some of the hard "nuts" of this terribly bad town.

The Eldred Odd Fellows are getting so they have to have a "feed" every meeting night. Monday night they entertained a large delegation of brethren from Bew City and Duke Center, besides scattering members from Rinetal, port Austin and other places. The initiatory degree was worked by Eldred lodge for the visitors edification. After lodge a lunch was served in the room and a most enjoyable time was had.

MT ALTON.

The frame for the new Chemical Factory is up, and the men are now putting on the iron.

The youngest child of W. E. Hyde has been very ill the past week, also the little daughter of J. O'Connell, who had the scarlet fever a few weeks ago, is still very sick.

A young Martha Washington arrived at the home of Chas. Stiffer, on the 22nd. Charlie laments that it was not George so he could count on another Republican voter.

Now here is a chance to economize, George H. Graff says he will marry and furnish the wedding supper free to the first couple who will patronize him after he receives his commission.

Prof. Norton closed his term of Writing school last Friday evening, but as the class has made great improvement and wished to continue, he has kindly consented to remain an other week.

Prof. Huntley attended the Teachers' Association at Bradford last week, and speaks of it as a very interesting session, and pronounces the lecture by Levin Irving Hardy to have been of the highest order.

Two of our popular Railroad operators were surprised by getting a "lay off" a few days ago, on account of "having part in a thoughtless piece of mischief." We do not think they realized how far they were carrying their sport, and we trust the lesson will never need be repeated.

Tom Handrihan had a novel experience last week. While driving P. J. McCarten's team into the woods for a load of Chemical wood, a building which Mr. Couz is keeping for some friend, rushed at one of the horses, and before it could be subdued, the animal was bitten in at least a dozen places. Mr. Washburn attended to the wounds, and Tom says "he wants no more of that in his dish."

Election passed off quietly, but the result shook the township to the foundation. A Republican victory. Something unheard of in years if ever before in the history of the township. Below we give the result. School Director, W. E. Foster, I. M. Parks, H. L. Shureman, two years, Collector, W. L. Foster; Constable W. I. Foster, A. Yarrington Justice of the Peace, Geo. H. Graff, Supervisor, Wm. Hilliard. Two candidates for above office, J. C. Havens and Henry Quinn, received the same number of votes, and at the present time it is undecided which will receive the office.

PORT ALLEGANY.

Quarterly meeting services were conducted at the Methodist church last Sunday evening by Rev. E. H. Latimer, the Presiding Elder of the Olean District.

Our citizens voted for a $1000 city building at the last election. It is to be built of brick and it will probably be a fine building, and something very much needed in this city.

Mr. A. Laumer, who was removed to the Buffalo hospital a short time ago, is failing and there seems to be but little hope of his recovery. Mr. Laumer has been a resident of this borough for a number of years.

W. B. Franklin was sworn in as Constable of Port Allegany borough last Monday, and is clothed with official authority. We hope he will remember the oath that he has taken and perform all of the duties of his office.

The Republicans of this borough did not do as well last Tuesday, Feb. 21st, as they have done, the Democrats elected their entire ticket. Frank Horgan was re-elected for Burgess and for the third term. They had better give him a life lease of the office now.

Mrs. E. P. Dalrymple, the daughter of F. H. Arnold, who died about two years ago, was buried in the cemetery in the rear of the Presbyterian church in this place last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The death of Mrs. Dalrymple was a great shock to the people of Port Allegany, as but a few days before her death she was seen upon the streets, as we thought, in the best of health. Premature childbirth was the cause of her death, which happened last Tuesday night, a few minutes after 10 o'clock. Mrs. Dalrymple was a woman much beloved by all that knew her; she was an earnest worker in the Presbyterian church of which she was a member, and she was a christian lady which is the most noble thing that can be said of any person. She will be missed by a host of friends, but at the home she will be missed most; the loss of so valuable a wife and mother is just cause for the grief and sorrow of the husband and children.

CERES.

The pulpit of the M. E. Church being vacant by the sickness of Rev. E. M. Kelley, it was filled Sunday morning by Rev. Burdick of Genesee.

Mrs. Barrett, of Buffalo, was in the village the latter part of the week, organizing a ladies K. O. T. M., and met with uncommon success, starting a big lodge with 18 charter members.

A large crowd of sports gathered at White's Hall Saturday night to witness a sparing match by local lights. It was a tame affair, but Prof. Ward and the toll takers are satisfied.

A slight wreck occured on the C. N. Y. & W. Engine 5, and one car of pipe of the farmers [illegible]

[illegible] G. N. [illegible], of Olean, and [illegible] Howard, of [illegible] Run, being elected [illegible] [illegible] Fred King, [illegible] and [illegible] F. M. Raymond for School Director, proved a winner by being the choice on both tickets.

Sunday night the residence of L. D. Champlain, on Kings Run, caught fire and with its contents, was totally destroyed. Mr. Champlain being away from home at the time. To add to their terrible situation, Mrs. Champlain, who upon her escape from the burning building, had repaired to a neighbors, was delivered of twin boys. No insurance in either case.

COLEGROVE.

Mrs. Myaard and daughter Flora, are visiting relatives in Courtland, N. Y.

The proceeds of the social for "The Scientific Temperance Work" amounted to $1.25.

Mrs. Lena DeHaas returned home on Monday from visiting the family of D. M. Wright at Coleman, Pa.

Mrs. R. W. Heinemann has recovered from her injuries received by falling on the ice and is able to be out again.

Prof. Hard has a good number of scholars in this place who are being instructed in vocal and instrumental music.

The children of Mr. Stephen Marsh are sick with the German measles, or so it is stated by the attending physician.

Mrs. A. M. Bartlett has closed school for this week and is visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Burdick and other relatives in Smethport.

A temperance paper, "The Crystal Fountain," will be given to every pupil in our schools every Friday for the rest of this school year.

August Ebert has sold his farm, live-stock and farming implements to Mr. Hansen, of Boyles Mill. $1200 was the sum paid for the farm.

Mr. Robb, teacher at Clermont, was the guest of Rev. Myaard last Saturday. Mr. Robb assisted in Sunday morning service at the Union church.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gallup, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bartlett and Messrs. Flower, O Betts and Christley went to Smethport Monday evening to attend the entertainment given by the Epworth League.

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN

Items of Interest Gathered from Various Sources by the Man With the Shears.

Russia is worth $21,715,000,000.

Think of it! Single harnesses from eight dollars up, at Gleason and Lemmler's.

The city of Washington consumes 8,000 gallons of pure milk daily.

—Smoke the H. O. W. cigar. One of the finest 10c cigars in existance at Howard Wilson's.

—Piles of people have piles, but DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

York Pa., is the leading town in the manufacture of rag carpets.

—Call and examine the new spring stock of draperies and rugs at the Furniture and Carpet store.

Whiskey and tobacco habit cured or no charge. Don't fail to correspond J. L. COCHRANE, Lock Box 217, Greensburg, Pa.

The Laplander sleeps in a reindeer skin bag to keep warm.

MUSICAL COLLEGE.—The Spring Term opens May 1st., in Vocal and Instrumental Music. For catalogues address Henry B. Moyer, Freeburg, Pa.

Genuine volcanic dust has been found in Kansas and Indian Territory.

Something new in the line of collars Gleason & Lemmler have just received what is termed a cork collar. Call in and examine it before purchasing elsewhere.

Nearly 20 000 Hindoos lost their lives from being bitten by snakes.

With Ely's Cream Balm a child can be treated without pain and with perfect safety. It cures catarrh, hay fever and colds in the head. It is easily taken and gives immediate relief.

A sign at Waynesville reads: "Ax handles, ink, pens and cheese."

Itch on human and horses and all animals cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport Pa.

A very small portion of the residents of the Hawaiian Islands lived in hotels and boarding houses.

"The breaking up of the winter is the signal for the breaking up of the system. Nature is opening up the pores and throwing off refuse. DeWitt's Sarsaparilla is of unquestionable assistance to this operation.

A man in this state has been fined $100 for calling another man a "Molly Maguire."

My catarrh was very bad. For thirty years I have been troubled with it—have tried a number of remedies without relief. A druggist advised Ely's Cream Balm. I have used only one bottle, and say I feel like a new man. I make this voluntary statement that others may know of the Balm.—J. W. Mathewson, (Lawyer), Pawtucket, R. I.

A newspaper has been started by two educated colored women at Congo Free state.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins, curbs, splints, sweeney, ring-bone stifles, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport Pa.

Olean, March 2, 1893.

TOWNE SHOE STORE OLEAN, N.Y.

EDWIN C. BURT'S

Ladies' Fine Button Shoes, welt sole, plain opera toe, opera heel, A to E wide, all sizes, regular price $5.00

to close this lot at

$3.50.

Any one who has worn Burt's shoes know what they are worth, so we will not add any more to our story.

Best grade Woonsocket Rubber Boots $2.15, worth every where $2.50. we dont want to carry them through summer. We want Mail orders.

BLOODSWORTH & CO.,

Good Shoes Only. Olean, N. Y.

(Mention this paper when ordering goods.)

STICKNEY, RITCHIE & CO.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

In this department we are prepared to furnish you with best makes at in the market. We are selling for gents fine wear the celebrated Douglass shoes, in all the new styles and colors for spring.

The ladies fine shoes are from the well known factory of Reynold Bros. Utica N. Y. which is a guarantee of both styles and prices.

Our line of school shoes for children in the kangaroo are positively the best thing money can buy, and will wear, and do wear better than any other childs shoe. We have the Agency of the above lines of shoes, and a trial will convince you of their superior quality.

CARPETS.

You will want at least two or three new carpets this spring. We have just opened our spring assortment of carpets and effects are more beautiful than ever. Prices ranging from 20 cents per yard. Call and see ou stock.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

Is always complete, we have a new fresh stock of everything in this line, and by buying and selling for cash we are enabled to give you rock bottom prices.

Our other Departments are filled as usual with the best in the market.

Empire Flour $1 per sack, Northern Light $1.10, Acme Patent $1.30, per sack.

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Our ladies' muslin underwear sale has broken the record. Almost every lady that visited the Bazaar the past week—though with no intention of buying muslin underwear bought either a chemise, a drawer, night gown, skirt or corset cover, they know that they cannot buy the muslin for what we are selling the garment all ready made, and made in the best style at that.

Bleached and Unbleached Cottons.

For one week only we'll sell 50 pieces yard wide, unbleached cotton, standard quality, very heavy and fine, sold usually at 8c, for 6c a yd. 25 pieces fruit of the loom, sold usually at 10c for 8c yd. As we would like all our customers to have some of the cotton we shall limit the quantity to not more than 15 yards to each customer. Other cottons very cheap for one week.

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Dry Goods, Cloak and Drapery

FOR SALE!

The County Right of McKean to sell the

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Something new. Agents make big money. Best seller on the market. Write quick for particulars.

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It has been truthfully said,

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It has also been clearly demonstrated

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These facts have been taught me by the best of all teachers, "EXPERIENCE."

I cannot afford to make my customers pay for a whole page of advertising in this valuable paper, so will speak my little piece in a smal one column ad. which I trust is sufficient to point the public in the right direction to

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I have recently spent several days in New York carefully considering the wants of my many customers. I have now in stock a complete variety of articles, both useful and ornamental, suitable for

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I will for the next 365 days, commencing to day, Dec 1st, 1892, give a genuine bargain for every $1, $5 $10 or $15 purchase made at my store. Remember this opportunity remains open for one year at least, subject to change for the better without further notice. No samples on exhibition, but the genuine articles. We continue to show goods regardless of trouble.

I have already had a call from Santa Claus, and am now ready for a call from you. I also have a

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and keep the best. Respectfully

D. C. YOUNG,

Smethport, Pa. Dec, 1892 Cor Main and Union Streets.

NATURAL WHITE OIL

NATURAL WE positively grow hair on bald head. It's nature's own hair grower, discovered 1876 feet under the earth's surface. The only Natural **WHITE OIL** in the world. No poisonous drugs, powerfully a mineral product. Grows mustache and whiskers. Cures Dandruff permanently, stops hair falling out. It is readily absorbed and its use will leave no greasy after effect. Satisfaction guaranteed. Sold by all druggists. 50 cents per bottle, two bottles direct, express prepaid, on receipt of price. Put on the trade only by the

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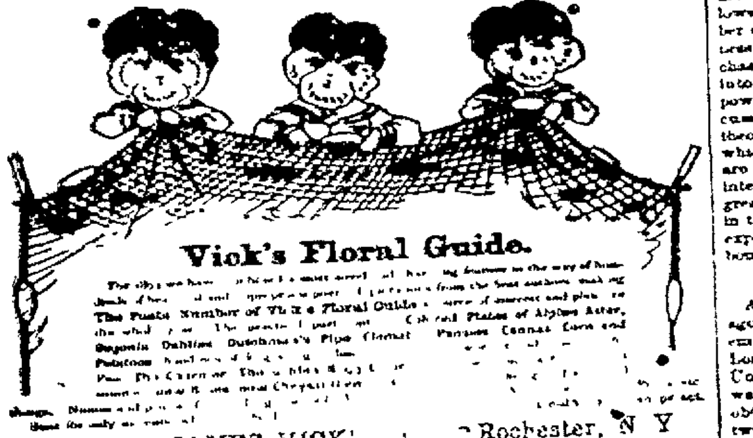
On and after April 15, 1892 the undersigned will give ever cash customer trading at his store to the amount of $25.00 the choice of one of the following beautiful articles of Silverware, free of charge

Silver Plated Sugar Bowl	Silver Plate Pickle Dish
Silver Plated Butter Dish	Set Silver Plated Knives
Silver Plated Cream Pitcher	Set Silver Plated Forks.
Silver Plated Spoon Holder	

And an article for each additional $25.00 for a period of from six months to one year, thus giving each and every one of my customers a chance to secure a whole set of Silverware without costing them a penny. All goods are sold as cheap as the market will allow. Remember the place corner of Mechanic and Mill streets.

P. D. HOPKINS,

Smethport, Pa. April 14 1892



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Feed, Corn, Oats, Middlings, &c., A Specialty.

CONFECTIONERY -:- AND -:- FRUITS!

My present stock of fine candies surpasses any heretofore shown in this section, and embraces all the finer as well as cheaper grades. Among the novelties may be mentioned

BON-BON BOXES, FINE CRYSTALIZED FRUITS,

French Mixed in 5-pound Boxes—Very Fine,

Chocolate Creams of all kinds, etc. Also a complete stock of

Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Nuts, Etc.

TOBACCO AND CIGARS!

Cigar Holders, Cigar Cases, Cigarette Cases, Match Safes, in fact everything in the Smokers' line.

GEO. A. BACKUS.

John Thomas' Prayer in a Lighthouse.

John William Thomas, assistant keeper of the Wolf Trap Light station, which succumbed to the ice last week, says he had an experience calculated to quicken his wits and open his weather eye. Mr. Thomas was alone at the station, which is in 13 feet of water and three miles from the shore. It is not easy to appreciate the dreadful forebodings which filled his mind as day after day he watched the thickening ice, conscious as he was of the great peril which environed him, his distress signals unnoticed, with that vast field of ice expanding its mighty power against the piles and gathering additional strength every moment as it overlapped and piled up against the doomed structure.

To pray in such a crisis was a most natural thing to do, and pray he did long and fervently, and he feels assured that his prayers were answered, for it was not very long before he descried in the distance the smoke of a steamer battling with the ice. Slowly she proceeded along until, getting abreast of the station she was stopped by the thick ice. Although the steamer was some half mile out toward the ship channel the nervy keeper determined to abandon the station to its impending fate and make the effort to reach her. Getting upon the untried ice he proceeded toward her waving his hat to attract the attention of those on board. When within hailing distance he cried out lustily to the officer in command, and was told to come aboard which he did in safety. On leaving the steamer higher up the bay for the shore he broke through the ice in eight feet of water and came near being drowned.—Cor Washington Post.

A Salt Lake In Africa.

The French government has just sold to Mr Chefneux the right to refine and export salt from Lake Assal one of the most remarkable sheets of water in the world. The lake is in the district of Obock East Africa, only a few miles from the head of the bay of Tadjoorah. The gentleman who has purchased the concession agrees to pay into the colonial office the sum of $10 000 a year and if during the 20 years that he is to have the exclusive right to export salt from Lake Assal the annual product exceeds 20 000 tons he is to pay a tax of 20 cents for every ton in excess. The government will designate a part of the lake where the natives may secure all the salt they want without tax or hindrance. All along the edge of this little lake which comprises only 16 square miles, is a bed of nearly pure salt about a foot in thickness.

The water of the lake is so surcharged with salt that it is impossible to sink in it. The bottom is apparently a bed of solid salt. The heavy waters lave the bases of jagged and precipitous mountains which descend to the edge of the lake making it almost impossible to travel around it. Mr Chefneux will probably carry on his work by floating machinery on the lake and dredging up the salt bed at its bottom though on the west side of the lake an enormous quantity of salt is in sight when the lake is at its lowest level.—New York Sun

An English Note on Phillips Brooks.

Those in England who were accustomed to look forward to Phillips Brooks' too rare appearance in London pulpits as to a sort of golden opportunity for new thought and fresh inspiration will sympathize deeply with American Christians who have suffered this great bereavement. They will forget the foolish and undignified controversy which was associated with his name when the Cowley Fathers in alarm at what they thought to be latitudinarianism withdrew one of their own number from fellowship with him. And they will remember only the strength purity and nobleness of his teaching his scholarly and chastened eloquence his deep insight into character and his extraordinary power of lifting up every subject he discussed into a higher region than that of theological discussion — the region in which conscience and the voice of God are clearly audible in which the small interests of life seem smaller and the great ones greater because both are seen in the light of dearly bought spiritual experience of profound faith and of boundless hope.—London Spectator

A Well Traveled Letter.

A Rockville man about nine months ago received a letter from his brother employed on a steamship running out of Bombay India, asking him to send a United States $5 gold piece which he wanted to wear as a watch charm. He obtained the coin inclosed it between two pieces of heavy cardboard put it in a letter and registered it. The letter started on its way and Friday it returned to the Rockville office. The envelope presented a remarkable appearance and is a great curiosity having traveled over 20 000 miles. The letter went to the dead letter office at Bombay and the coin had disappeared having probably worn its way out of the letter.

The letter went to various points in the east as well as England and the continent in search of the person to whom it was addressed. Every stoppage a register entered on the letter which is covered with marks and writings in all colors. The letter was returned by Postmaster Randall to the man who sent it and although the coin is missing he considers the letter of more value than when he sent it.—Norwich Bulletin.

Reading the Thermometer.

A bellboy at the St. Nicholas who will one day make his mark as a natural wit if his precociousness is not diminished by a collegiate education, made a funny report to Clerk Harry Clark one morning last week. A guest of the house on the morning in question came down to the office and remarking to Clark that the weather must be very cold asked what the thermometer indicated. Calling up the bellboy Clark requested him to go out and see what the thermometer indicated, if he could read the same. Going out, he quickly returned, and when asked how cold it was quickly replied that it was one inch below freezing." Clark fell over a chair and the patron of the house had a fit.—Cincinnati Enquirer

Baked Apples With Whipped Cream.

This old fashioned dish is one of the most wholesome and delicious of desserts. Pare and core a dozen large apples. Arrange them in a dish and fill the center of each with sugar. Stick a clove into the sugar filling of each apple and sprinkle a tablespoonful of sugar over each. Cover the pan and place it in a rather hot oven. Cook for 20 minutes, then remove the cover and continue cooking the apples until they are a delicate brown and are tender throughout. When they can be pierced with a broom straw, they have been cooked enough. Place them where they will cool, and when they are cold arrange them on a flat dish and serve with whipped cream. Or they may be served with plain cream or soft custard.

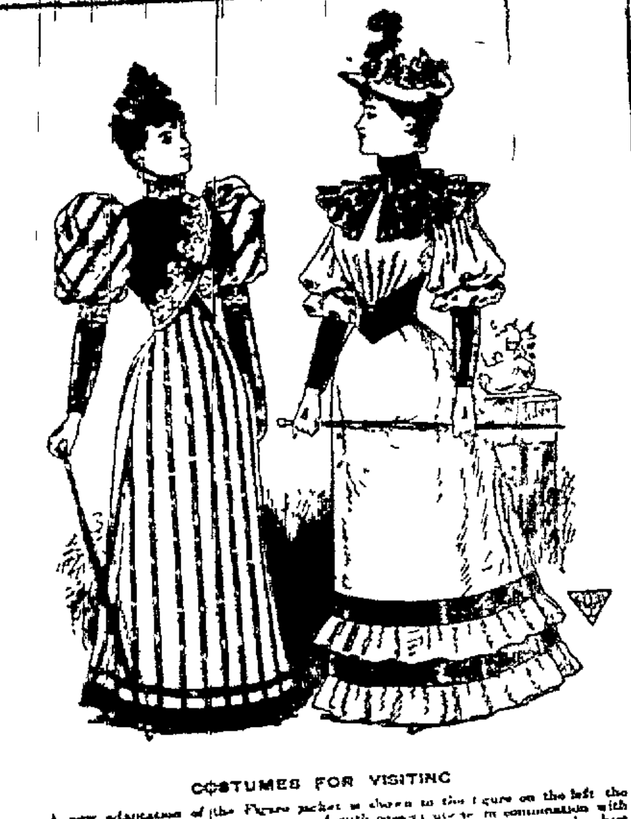
Guaranteed Cure.

We authorize our advertised druggist to sell Dr King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, upon this condition. If you are afflicted with a cough, cold or any lung, throat or chest trouble, and will use this remedy as directed, giving it a fair trial and experience no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We could not make this offer did we not know that Dr King's New Discovery could be relied on. It never disappoints. Trial bottles free at F. R. Foster's Drug Store. Large size 50c. $1.00

My catarrh was very bad. For the last thirty years I have been troubled with it—have tried a number of remedies without relief. A druggist advised Ely's Cream Balm. I have used one bottle and I can say I feel like a new man. I make this voluntary statement that others may know of the Balm.—J. W. Matteson (Lawyer) Pawtucket, R. I.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once.



COSTUMES FOR VISITING

A new adaptation of the Figaro jacket is shown in the figure on the left the material being [illegible] colored velvet, trimmed with [illegible] in combination with [illegible] the skirt a silk or wool stripe. On the right [illegible] velvet [illegible] and sleeves are finished with two flounces, headed by [illegible] also of velvet, [illegible]

Phillips Brooks!

Great bishop, greater preacher greatest man;
Thy manhood far out towered all church, all creed
And made thee servant of all human need
Beyond one thought of [illegible] or of ban.
Slave of thy Master whose [illegible] ran
"The great are they [illegible]
[illegible]
All churches are too small to [illegible] heed
Of thy great life wrought on thy Master's plan
As we stand in the [illegible] of thy death
How petty all the [illegible]
That would fence off the human and divine
Large was the [illegible] of thy living, breath
[illegible] human hope and dream,
And [illegible] alive is thine

M J Savage.

Newspaper Workers In Chicago.

Some time ago we took occasion to warn newspaper writers against the folly of coming to Chicago in the hope of finding employment here. We regret that the warning has been neglected by very many. This city has been overrun for several months by reporters (both men and women) vainly seeking work. The Chicago newspapers have for two years been getting ready for the World's fair season and their several departments are filled with competent men. Therefore others who come to Chicago now in the expectation of securing employment are bound to be disappointed. There are no places to be had in every newspaper office at the present time applicants are standing about 12 deep in the outer chamber with never so much as the prospect of a possibility to encourage them.

Many of these people are suffering from want of money. They [illegible] the World's fair when they fancied their services would be snapped up. Most of these unfortunates will have to walk out of town or take to driving street cars for a means of subsistence.

With a view to averting further trouble we ask our newspaper friends elsewhere to disseminate sedulously the information that newspaper work is not to be had in Chicago, that every place is filled here, that already we have with us an army of unemployed reporters, and that every newspaper writer who comes to Chicago with a view to [illegible] is pretty sure to have nothing [illegible]—Chicago News [illegible]

Mountainous Waves.

The daily papers all recorded the fact that the steamship Majestic on her east ward trip caught a sea that tore [illegible] her crow's nest [illegible] and that the Teutonic which caught the same gale coming west had one [illegible] which crashed over the crow's nest and carried away her forward port lifeboat as it went over the rail. But none of the daily papers took the trouble to mention just how the crow's nest is situated on these ships and consequently how high that sea was.

Inquiry by a Marine Journal representative discovered that while in men of war and many other ships the custom is to have the crow's nest in the foretop or a truck above the White Star ships have it at an altitude of 35 feet above the main deck on the foremast reached by a little iron ladder from the forward hurricane deck. In such a ship as the Majestic or Teutonic the height of the main deck at the [illegible] is about 40 feet above the level of the sea which would make the height of the wave that carried away the crow's nest in this instance about 70 feet. This is a pretty big roller for the North Atlantic but in other parts of the ocean such waves are often encountered in a storm.

Supposing the ship to have been in a trough of the sea at the time this wave swept her the mean height of the wave might be calculated as not greater than 40 feet but it was certainly a body of water nearly 70 feet high from where the ship floated.—Marine Journal

For and Against the Single Tax.

Hyattsville Md is still under single tax rule but there are few signs to show that the principle has made much headway since it won the day in the bitter fight of last spring. Its opponents assert that it has ruined the town and they point to the condition of the streets and of the pavements to corroborate their claim that the place has gone backward since the single tax people got control of its affairs.

These contentions the single tax men vigorously deny but their vigor is more in the championship of the single tax as a principle than in the demonstration of its workings in this place. Generally they say that it has not been in force long enough yet for a fair trial. The opponents reply with vigor that they have had enough of it and that they intend to bring about a change in May when the annual election of town commissioners will be held. The votes seem to be pretty evenly divided between the two factions, both of which are quietly but earnestly preparing for the contest in the spring.

There is a great deal of feeling in the fight and the literature of the discussion is becoming formidable.—Cor New York Times.

Great Men and Organ Grinders.

That the late Mr Blaine had a liking for the melodies of the Italian organ grinders who perambulate the streets we are told by Il Progresso Italo-Americano. There have been other distinguished Americans with the same liking at times. One of them was the late General Ben Butler, when two organists played the tunes that pleased him, one of which was the tune of "Annie Laurie," and another that of the "Marseillaise."—New York Sun.

Fence, Change!

Youth—Since the opening of the sleighing season I wear out my right glove before the left is in the least injured.

Glover—Why don't you get her to sit on the other side part of the time?—Clothiers and Haberdashers' Weekly

A Protestant on Satolli.

Archbishop Satolli's most important errand has been to settle the heated controversies raging about the school question. He has communicated to the Catholic archbishops an eminently wise and reasonable pronunciamento. It distinctly acknowledges the educational functions of the state and approves the American public schools. In practical effect this letter makes it permissible for Catholic parents to act upon their own judgment in selecting schools for their children. It merely insists that the parents and priests should see that Catholic children have regular religious instruction outside of school hours if they attend public schools. The "Faribault plan" is fully sanctioned as an alternative. In cases where parochial schools of as good quality as the public schools can be afforded and where local circumstances make it appear that the public schools are anti Catholic in their influence and teaching the separate system is advised.

The archbishop has spoken with full authority. It is a great victory for Archbishop Ireland and the patriotic American wing of the church. Pope Leo and his advisers have evidently mastered the real situation in the United States. The holy see has intervened in favor of American Catholic parents who can no longer be restrained from sending their children to the public schools. The Catholic church will be stronger by far when in the spirit of Archbishop Satolli's statesmanlike address it accepts the institutions of this country.—W. T. Stead in Review of Reviews.

Cremation In This Country.

It is not every day that there are five cases of cremation at Fresh Pond, but the bodies of four men and one woman were reduced to ashes in the furnace there on Tuesday. The revival of the ancient practice of cremation in our times is a curious thing. We have not yet seen the last year's reports of the several crematories in the country but we believe that over 100 dead persons were consumed in them during the year.

Nearly all of these persons, with the exception of the victims of cholera, who were cremated in our bay last autumn had left orders or had expressed a desire that their bodies should be thus disposed of. The most of them had been agnostics or atheists and a few of them Theosophists. It is not to be supposed that any of them having out the cholera stricken had been believers in the doctrine of the resurrection of the body at the day of judgment, though of course cremation could not interfere with any design of the Almighty.

We know of two crematories in England and there are others in several of the countries of continental Europe. Should the cholera break out in England this year it is probable that a number of the municipalities will in accordance with advice given by their health authorities follow the example set by the New York quarantine commission last autumn and cremate the victims of the dreaded and infectious disease.—New York Sun

President Harrison's Plans.

It is the present intention of President Harrison to leave Washington for his home in Indianapolis very shortly after the inauguration of President Cleveland. The oath of office is administered to the president at the capitol at noon after which the new chief executive delivers his inaugural address from the east front of the capitol building. General Harrison intends to leave Washington on the Pennsylvania limited express which departs at 1 10 p m and to stop over Sunday at Pittsburg where he will be due about 9 o clock Saturday night. He will arrive at Indianapolis about noon on March 6. He may change this programme but he does not expect to do so at this time barring accident.

It was the original intention of President Harrison upon his retirement from office to linger in Washington over Sunday and to arrive at Indianapolis during the early part of the succeeding week. But he is anxious to return to his old home now that he sees the beginning of the end, and having nothing of particular interest to detain him here he has determined to take his leave of the national capital within an hour or two after the inauguration of his successor.—Cor Baltimore American

England's Vital Statistics.

The slow machinery of the English government has just turned out the report of vital statistics in 1891. It appears that the steady decline in the number of early marriages which began in 1874 still continues. In the latter year 84 in 1 000 bridegrooms and 227 in 1 000 brides were under 21. In 1891 only 50 men and 190 women in 1 000 married under age. The odd fact also appears that the proportion of Jews in the population of England has more than doubled in 20 years without counting immigration. This extraordinary fecundity is quite unmatched by any other class in the population.—Charleston News and Courier.

A Knife on Its Travels.

A huge knife, said to be over 100 years old and resembling an ancient hay cutter was presented to the postmaster at Bangor, Me., just after the election. It was labeled "Adlai's Ax." Across the blade in black letters were the words, "The melancholy days have come." This was a grim joke to play on a Republican postmaster, but he concluded to make the best of it. He tagged it and started it on a journey across the continent. At last accounts it was at Marquette, Mich., all covered with tags and the comments each messenger had added as the Democratic guillotine passed over his route.—Exchange

The Impertinent Press.

"What are we coming to if the press is going to take the starch out of everything? An esteemed contemporary—we have forgotten which one—has complained that the reports of the daily press have made the recent heresy trial appear ridiculous in the eyes of the public. The dignity and mystery of theological discussions, once so awful that angels scarcely dared to tread the platform where the discussion was carried on, have been reduced to a commonplaceness comparable to the reports of a ward meeting or a filibustering session in congress.

The impertinent press persists in treating everything and everybody in an everyday sort of a way. Even religion has to undergo the same treatment. If there is any sham or mysticism or superstition in it, it is liable to be handled as a detective handles an embezzlement. The press, as a rule, believes in pure and undefiled religion, but it wants a religion that is good for Mondays and Thursdays and Saturdays as well as Sundays.

It is complained by some Roman Catholic authorities that the press is unnecessarily meddling with the alleged controversy between the archbishops, and that the laity of the church is being stirred up by a contest which ought to have been confined to the prelates and settled by them. But everything is news, and so important a matter as alleged insubordination in the high places of the Catholic church can no more be kept quiet in these days than could the outbreak of a volcano on Manhattan island. It does indeed detract from the dignity and mystery of ecclesiasticism to have its quarrels reported in the papers, but it cannot be helped except in one way. Let quarrels cease and the press will quit its impertinence.—Springfield Union.

General Butler on His Yacht.

General Butler was happiest on the deck of his yacht, where he clad himself in jaunty flannels, surrounded himself with pretty girls and renewed his youth. If the truth were to be told he liked to cruise in well frequented waters, where now and then a crowded excursion steamer would be met. On such occasions he was perfectly sure to be cheered heartily. He lifted his cap while the cheering was going on and then beckoned to one of the young ladies. She understood the signal, and stepping aft pulled a cord which discharged the America's biggest gun. Boom! It was a beautiful noise. Once more the crowd on the excursion steamer cheered, the general lifted his cap the young ladies smiled and the America sailed exquisitely on her way.

Innocent weaknesses were those of the old general. If he had been a bad man or a really crafty one he would probably have attained a higher degree of power. He sought his own purposes but not with that consummate guile, that perfect self seeking, which makes one utterly forego present purposes in order to obtain ultimate ones. Men who are a great deal worse and more mischievous than he ever was have not been abused one-twentieth as much as he.—Boston Transcript

Cornstarch For Chilblains.

The unusual cold weather of the winter has made chilblains quite a common complaint. A woman who has suffered from the most annoying torture which this particular infliction entails reports to have found relief from a new remedy or at least from something which is not one of the usual remedies.

"After trying hot salt and water, witch hazel, cold cream and the rest of the list," says this woman, "the idea came to me that to bury my feet in the creamy coolness of cornstarch might assuage the intolerable burning. I tried it with instant success. Don't use a little from a powder puff. Take a bowl or dish and plunge the foot in quite to the instep and keep it thus buried for some minutes. Then dust off most of the cornstarch, and the stocking and shoe can be resumed with comfort."

This simple, inexpensive suggestion ought to be circulated. Car drivers and others whose occupation forces them to stand almost continuously are likely to be the greatest sufferers in cold weather from frost bitten feet and following chilblains.—Her Point of View in New York Times

A Quaint Wedding Gift.

A watch which the kaiser gave as a wedding present to his sister, Princess Margaret of Prussia, on her marriage with Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse has a curious history. It originally belonged to Queen Louise of Prussia, the mother of Kaiser William I. The watch was looted by French soldiers after one of the victories which practically placed Berlin as a conquered city in the hands of Napoleon's troops. Being taken to Strasburg it was a year or two later won as a prize in a barracks lottery by the cook of the officers mess.

This man gave the watch to his sister who subsequently obtained a domestic position in the palace of Potsdam, where Queen Louise noticing the watch in the woman's possession recognized it as her own and obtained repossession of it in exchange for a generous sum of money. The late Empress Augusta intrusted the watch to the present emperor, with an expression of her wish that it might always remain the property of a Prussian princess.—Manchester Times

Cost of Patenting.

"I have just been figuring up what it will cost me to have an invention patented throughout the world," said Alfred Emerson, a young Kansas City inventor, "and I have found out it takes a fortune. There are on this mundane sphere 64 governments that run departments devoted to fleecing the poor inventor and pretend to give his idea protection. Sixteen of these sharks are to be found in Europe, 8 in Africa, 4 in Asia, 27 are on the two continents of America, and 9 are in Oceanica. Of course the charges differ in every case, some are comparatively small, others are not so small. In the aggregate they average about $227 83 each, or a grand total of $14,050. That's a pretty sum for a man to spend to keep an idea from being stolen, isn't it?"—St Louis Globe-Democrat

Scientific journals in England speak approvingly of a new method of manufacturing caustic soda, chlorine and other chemical products directly from sea water with the aid of electricity. There is an immense saving of time, labor and material in the process.

A student in a western college proposes to deliver a lecture on commencement day on "The Relation of the Wheelbarrow to American Elections."

The wife of Eli Miller, who lives near Valley City, Ind., has given birth, it is claimed, to seven children in the past 12 months.

Reduced Rates to Washington on Account of the Inauguration via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of those who wish to attend the ceremonies incidental to the inauguration of President-elect Cleveland the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 2nd, 3rd and 4th, valid to return until March 7th, 1893. The excursion rate from New York will be $8, from Pittsburg $10, from Buffalo $15, and from Philadelphia and all other principal stations on the Pennsylvania system two cents per mile.

The inauguration promises to be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country. The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite line to the national capital on all occasions.

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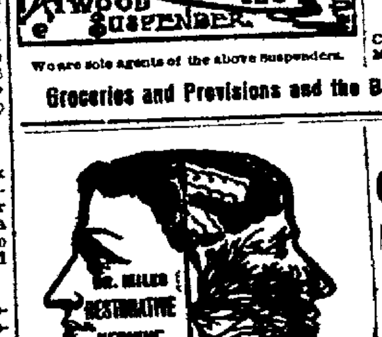

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Trains leave Smethport for [illegible] Bradford, Olean, [illegible], Rochester and [illegible] as follows

BUFFALO EXPRESS.........[illegible] A. M.
BUFFALO MAIL.........[illegible]

Train leaving Smethport at 3:25 p. m. connects at Eldred with K. & K. for Bradford, at [illegible] with River Division for Allegany, [illegible] Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, Johnsonburg, and points [illegible]

CLERMONT MAIL.........7:12 A. M.
CLERMONT ACCOMMOD'N.........[illegible]
LOCAL.........[illegible]

Clermont Mail connects through to Johnsonburgh.

Get Time Tables giving full information from
A. E. WORMER, Ticket Agent.
[illegible] BELL, General Supt.
J. A. FELLOWS, Gen. Pass'r & T'k't Ag't.
[illegible]

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Direct lines between Bradford, Kane and the Elk county oil field

TIME TABLE IN EFFECT JUNE [illegible]

WESTWARD		STATIONS	EASTWARD
[illegible]	[illegible]	ar..Bradford..lv	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	..Kinzua Junct'n..	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	....Alton....	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	....Davis....	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	...Simpson...	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	....Ormsby....	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	..Smethport..	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	..Mt. Jewett..	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	.....Kane.....	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	...Carlisle...	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	..Spring Creek..	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	..Sheffield J..	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	....Watson....	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	..Marienville..	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	....Clarion....	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	...Foxburg...	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	....Parker....	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	...Petrolia...	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	....Karns....	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	..Millerstown..	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	....Butler....	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	..Wildwood..	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	..Allegheny..	[illegible]

JNO. C. McKENNA, Superintendent.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

Between Buffalo Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania.

On and after Nov 13, 1892 passenger trains will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday as follows

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND

7 20 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express for Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

2 [illegible] p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, [illegible] ville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

[illegible] p. m.—Buffalo Express—Sundays only for Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, [illegible] ville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND

[illegible] a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and [illegible]

1 49 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, [illegible] Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

[illegible] p. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and [illegible]

Thousand Mile Tickets, good for [illegible] between all stations at two cents per mile.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents or

D. [illegible], Agent Bradford [illegible]
EDWARD C. LAPEY, Gen'l Passenger Agent
J. H. BARRETT, Gen'l Superintendent, Rochester, N. Y.
Bradford Pa.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R. R.

Road Time Table takes effect [illegible] 1891

A M	P M	P M	STATIONS.	A M	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..Coudersport..	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pine Creek Jc	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..Hammond..	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..Fish Basket..	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...Olmsted...	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	....Mina....	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..Knowlton..	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..Roulette..	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...Burtville...	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..Coleman..	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Port Allegany	[illegible]		

PINE CREEK DIVISION

[illegible]	[illegible]	Coudersport	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pine Creek Junction	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sweden Valley	[illegible]

Trains run on eastern standard time

B. A. McCLURE, Supt.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Dec 18, 1892.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION

EASTWARD

8:25 a. m.—Train 8, daily except Sunday for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6 50 p. m., New York 9:35 p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.

3:25 p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:25 a. m., New York [illegible] a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:00 a. m.

9:40 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6.50 a. m. New York 9:30 a. m. Baltimore 6:20 a. m. Washington [illegible] Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passengers in sleeper from Erie to Philadelphia. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

8 15 a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations, leaves Ridgway 3:00 p. m. for Erie.

10:30 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

7:00 p. m.—Train 11 daily except Sunday [illegible] Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH

Train 1 leaves Renovo [illegible] a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. [illegible] Train 11 leaves Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., Wilkesbarre 10 15 a. m., Washington [illegible] a. m., Baltimore [illegible] a. m. daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches [illegible]. Train 3, leaves New York [illegible] p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington [illegible], Baltimore 11 40 p. m. daily, arriving at Emporium June 10:35 a. m. with Pullman sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport [illegible] from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD

Daily except Sunday.

NORTH A M Lv.	STATIONS.	SOUTH Ar. A. M
9 40	Ridgway	[illegible]
9 55	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
10 10	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
10 19	Straight	[illegible]
10 24	[illegible]	[illegible]
10 30	Smith's Run	[illegible]
10 37	Woodvale	[illegible]
10 44	Clermont	[illegible]

Connections are made [illegible] Johnsonburg at [illegible] intermediate points [illegible] also at Ridgway [illegible] New York at 1 45 p. m. for Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

CHAS. L. PECK, General Manager.

[illegible] E. WOOD, Passenger [illegible]

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